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*Hello
August!*

Wishing you a
bright and flourishing
month



Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

After a three-year delay because of Covid the Supreme Physical Fitness Board finally was able to hold their Kruz, the Clinic. The Clinic is held to prepare Group leaders for the upcoming International Slet. The 2022 Clinic was at Kutztown University, Kutztown, Pennsylvania which will be the site of our 50th International Slet in July 2023.



I attended the closing ceremonies and saw first-hand what the Physical Fitness Board organized to ready themselves and the Group leaders for the 50th International Slet. Everyone I spoke to, seasoned and new leaders, were excited to be at the Clinic. The Group leaders learned the new routines they will be performing at the Slet, the new structure of the Slet, the layout of the University, and insight into what is being planned for the 50th International Slet's grand celebration.

There was a lot of excitement exhibited by all at the Clinic since they were there in their happy place, doing what they love, and to continue a tradition they grew up, which has many memories they never will forget. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. and I felt the enthusiasm the Fitness Board and the Group leaders had to finally be at the Clinic during their performance at closing ceremonies. They will return home with this fervor and will start a year-long preparation for the 50th International Slet. It will be up to these Group leaders to recruit old and new members to attend the 50th International Slet to celebrate the memories of the past, the excitement of the present, and the quest of the future.

Thank you to the Supreme Physical Fitness Board for organizing the 2022 Clinic. You never stopped over the past three years to keep planning and adjusting those plans to be ready for the time when you would hold the Clinic. You showed everyone your tenacity to make sure all was ready. Thank you to our Supreme Chaplain, Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdic for coming to the Clinic to celebrate Mass for the Clinic participants.

It is hard to believe that in one year, August 5-8, 2023, the elected delegates from our Assemblies, Wreaths and Groups will assemble in Scranton, Pennsylvania for our Society's 34th Quadrennial Convention. I ask all Assemblies, Wreath, and Group leaders to start preparing their delegates for the Convention. It is important that everyone understand the Society's By-Laws and their obligations as stated in the By-Laws to be a delegate. This preparation should start at your monthly meetings. In future articles there will more information on the Convention and how to prepare for it.

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon has everything ready for the Slovak Catholic Sokol 67th International Golf Tournament, August 12-14, 2022, at Treasure Lake Golf Resort in DuBois, Pennsylvania. Again, this year we are holding the tournament along with the other Slovak fraternal to make it an exciting and competitive tournament. After many years, I will be attending the tournament this year since the annual family vacation was moved to another week. Safe travels and see you at the Tournament.

Who will be the Slovak Catholic Sokol 2022 Fraternalist of the Year? There are many worthwhile members who meet the qualifications to be selected, but if they are not nominated, we do not know who they are. All Assemblies, Wreaths, and Groups should nominate a member to be the Fraternalist of the Year is, by filling out the FOTY application and send it to the Home Office.

I ask everyone to be safe this month because the unpresendant weather we saw in July, record breaking high-temperatures and long heat waves, which can continue and worsen in August. As reported more individuals die, especially the elderly, because of the heat than any other weather condition. Let us be as safe as we can and take time to check on our elderly family and friends to make sure they are also safe. Even though it is warm, we cannot forget Covid is with us and is on the rise.

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

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***TAKING STOCK**

by Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.



I hope everyone is enjoying the summer heat! It is amazing how quickly the time goes as we will be preparing for the fall season very shortly. That means that football is



right around the corner, and that is good by me! There is also still time for outdoor Group/Assembly/Wreath outings and activities. I only ask that if you have an event, please let us know

about it, take a few pictures, and send them in to the Home Office. It is always important to let other lodges know what you are doing. You may just give them an idea to do a similar event!

I was honored to attend our 2022 International Clinic held at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA. After a couple challenging years dealing with Covid-19, our organization was finally able to have this wonderful event. I can report to the membership that our Physical Fitness Board, Group Directors, Group Directresses, and Assistants, did a wonderful job and I commend our young leaders that took the time out of their busy summer schedules to learn our Drills and the various rules and regulations for our upcoming 50th International Slet in 2023. We are all proud of you!

With the summer months coming to an end and the school year right around the corner, it is important to take stock of the past few months and look forward to the future. In "taking stock," it is important to review your insurance needs. Each year, the month of September is designated as Life Insurance Awareness Month (L.I.A.M.). It is an opportunity to remind people about the importance of having sufficient life insurance coverage. Life Insur-

ance Awareness Month is an industry wide initiative, supported by both commercial companies and fraternal benefit societies.

According to the National Funeral Directors Association, the average cost of a funeral is over \$11,000. Unfortunately, we have many members in our Society that have minimum policies, some as low as \$500. Unless these members have coverage elsewhere, you can see that these small policies will not help much when the time comes. I urge our members to take some time out of your schedules and discuss your insurance needs with your family. It is especially important to plan ahead and purchase additional life insurance coverage, especially when you are young and healthy, thus keeping the premium costs at a minimum. Life insurance provides us an answer to the difficult hypothetical question that is: How will my family manage financially if I were to die? It is an important question which all of us should ask ourselves. And with upcoming September being Life Insurance Awareness Month, this is a perfect time to address this important item. If you have any questions regarding life insurance needs, please feel free to contact me at the Home Office at (800)886-7656. You can also reach me through email at scott@slovakcatholicsokol.org.

I hope to see many of our members at the 67th International Golf Tournament at Treasure Lake Resort in Dubois, PA on August 12th-14th. Even if you are not a big golfer, you will enjoy this tournament as it brings out the best of fraternalism.

Until next time, please continue to enjoy this beautiful summer weather and God bless everyone!

Stay safe, stay strong,
and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

Sokol Calendar**SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 – ST. MARY'S ANNUAL SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL**

in Scranton, PA from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Dine in or take out. Ethnic foods, bake sale and raffles. For more information call 570-343-5151. Baked goods and basket donations would be appreciated.

AUGUST 12-14 – SUMMER FEST '22

at the parish grounds and Pastoral Center of the St. John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William Street, Pittston, PA from 5.00 to 10.00 p.m. each night. Food, games and live entertainment.

AUGUST 12-14 – GOLF TOURNAMENT

at the Treasure Lake Resort, DuBois, PA.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 – STS. CYRIL AND METHIDIUS PARISH FESTIVAL

in Minneapolis, MN from 12 noon until 4:00 p.m. More information: Jim Genosky, tel.: 763-789-9196.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – 86TH ANNUAL "SOKOL DAY" PICNIC – GROUP 7 " REVEREND JOZEF MURGAS"

at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clarke Lane in Plains Twp., PA from noon until 5 p.m.

TO ALL SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GROUP 16 DETROIT/ROSSFORD MEMBERS – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 – GROUP 16 ANNUAL MEETING

at the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Activity Building Heritage Room, 41233 Ryan Rd. in Sterling Heights, MI at 3 p.m. All are invited to stay for the 5:30 p.m. Mass held at the Church. Come one... Come All!!!! Let's make Group 16 Strong & Active!!! – **Andrea Ames Papcun, Group 16 President**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 – SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 6, MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA

at the Back Porch Restaurant, 114 Speer St., Belle Vernon, PA (lower Speers) at 1:15 p.m. Reservations must be made no later than October 7 by contacting either Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675 or Anna Mae Warnick at 724-736-4032.

2022 INTERNATIONAL CLINIC: PREPARING TO GIVE OUR ALL

By: Janice Matlon

Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board

Remember? This word became the unofficial theme of the long-awaited 2022 International Clinic at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania. Remembering is exactly what we were all trying to do as we recalled the Slets, clinics, and leaders of the past in order to move forward with positivity and confidence.

The members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board (SPFB) arrived on campus Wednesday, July 13, in order to finalize the components that were needed prior to the arrival of the directors, directresses, and assistants on Thursday, July 14. When the SPFB held our meeting that Wednesday it was the first time that all seven of us were able to do so in-person since our January meeting in 2020. Physical Director Marty Degnan, his assistant Dusan Dorich, and member of the board Rob Palchanis along with Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift, her assistant Nancy Kropolinsky, and members of the board Kristen Popik and Janice Matlon were all eager to gather and prepare to welcome everyone.

Even through a couple of unforeseen travel delays, all participants safely arrived on campus that day. Participants included Eric and Hailey Topzcij from Group 1; Gary, Zack, and Judy Manyak from Group 3; Noah and Jenni Romine and Lisa Hoeck from Group 4; David and Daniel Underation and Jayme Blosser from Group 5; Kelly and August Palchanis from Group 7; Chaz, Luke, Mary, and Laura Matlon from Group 11; Chris Antosy and Kathi Smolkowicz from Group 12; and Steven Popik, Nicholas Dorich, Annemarie Wasilewski, and Rebecca Bettencourt from Group 19. Sports Director Jim Matlon and Assistant Sports Director Frank Laury were also present to help with anything we needed throughout the week, especially with logistics and the physical supplies we needed to make the Clinic run smoothly.

Because of the late arrival of some participants, we merged our opening meeting with Thursday night's seminars, which allowed us to dive right into our opening drilling sessions at 1:30. We then ate dinner at 5:00 and were happy to see many food options that would continue at lunch and dinner each day: a grill area with typical American fare; pizza; a pasta bar; and an option with varied meat, carbs, and cooked veggies each meal. This was all accompanied by a salad bar in addition to plenty of baked goods and ice cream for dessert. Fueled up after a warm and active afternoon of drilling with only fans to cool us, we were happy to sit in an air-conditioned classroom for that night's meeting. We then introduced ourselves to each other before the SPFB presented several informational seminars, most of which focused on preparing for the 2023 Slet. This included information on general rules and regulations, the dress code, overall point scoring, individual and team drills, senior volleyball, junior 3-on-3 basketball, and the tentative Slet schedule along with emphasizing that everyone needed to plan on being available from Wednesday, July 12 through Sunday, July 16, 2023. Additionally, we filled out expense forms for our travel and time at the Clinic and reviewed insurance policies and the procedures needed for someone to become a member of the Sokols so that he or she can participate in our athletic and fraternal events. Many of these topics also brought out quality discussions among all members, which included reminders of all that we have done

in the past, since the last Slet took place over three years ago. Most discussion focused on the addition of several new aspects to the 2023 Slet: junior 3-on-3 basketball; track and field events specific to participants ages 30-44 and 45 and over; and team drill that combines juniors and seniors together for male team drilling and female team drilling. It was a productive and fruitful time spent discussing these new and exciting components all together in person, building toward a successful upcoming year.

On Friday, we had separate drill sessions in the morning which were similar to those on Thursday afternoon. The men practiced one former drill that is returning from last Slet: "Hall of Fame" by The Script. They also practiced two new drills: the Slovak drill "Lisocka, Ej poduvaj ty vitriku" by Kandracovci and a classic mash-up of past drills including "Eye of the Tiger," "Mission: Impossible," "Nights in White Satin," and "Iron Man." The women practiced a Slovak drill with the title "Anka, Anka" by Kollarovci, a modern drill "Sit Still, Look Pretty" by Daya, and a classic mash-up of past drills including "Hero," "Fame," "Fight Song," "Roar," "Cotton-Eyed Joe," and "Looking for Freedom." Early on Friday afternoon, we practiced the well-known mass drill "Chariots of Fire" all together, which was first choreographed in the 1980s when Clinic participant Kathi Smolkowicz was on the SPFB. It was then brought back for the 100th anniversary slet in 2005. Because of this, two generations of drillers know this dramatic and beloved drill, and it came full circle for Kathi to now be able to pass this on to a third generation of drillers... wow!

After drilling on Friday, we then had another important moment of recollection as the women of the SPFB presented a token of remembrance to the male Clinic participants and members of the SPFB in memory of past Group 5 director Steve Underation. We presented the men with a torch pin, which represented the light of the Holy Spirit and the light of the symbolic torch we use at the Closing Ceremonies of each Slet. This was accompanied by a poem that included words of wisdom addressing the strength of athletes and a blurb about Steve's accomplishments and legacy in the Sokols. Although no Sokol event is the same without him, we remembered the endless stories that he was a part of and the friendly conversation he was always willing to have. The men wore the torch pin on the collars of their drilling uniform as a tribute to Steve.

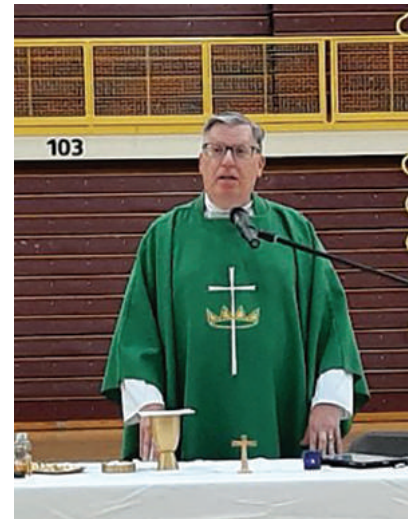
The solemn mood lifted after this when participants boarded a bus to Dorney Park located in nearby Allentown, PA, for some fun and to have a break from drilling sessions. Another purpose of going to this amusement park was to check out the location to see if it would work for all Slet participants to attend next year. The Clinic participants had free time in the park from 4:00-9:00 and were able to ride as many or as few rides as they wanted to, walk around the park, and even listen to some live music and watch shows. We were also given a food voucher to use for dinner. After an evening of entertainment, everyone seemed to agree that next year's Slet participants, especially the younger kids, are going to love going to the amusement park next year.

On Saturday, there were separate drill sessions in both the morning and afternoon for men and women to make final

preparations for the Saturday night exhibition. We were also able to film a select number of people so that drillers could use those videos over the next year to prepare for the drill competition at the Slet. Participants were then released at about 4:00 to change into drill uniforms, eat dinner, and return to the gym at Keystone Hall for Mass at 6:45 p.m.. Our Supreme Chaplain Father Andrew Hvozdovic was gracious enough to travel from the Wilkes-Barre area to have Mass for us. When Mass concluded, we continued on with some remarks from the Events Leader of Kutztown University, Katie Swift, Supreme President Michael Horvath, and Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec. The night progressed with an exhibition performance of all drills in front of an audience of local Sokol members and family members of the participants. It was wonderful to be able to showcase the hard work done in just a few days.

As a final fun activity for the night, Clinic participants were able to participate in Sokol Trivia and "Minute to Win It" games organized by some members of the SPFB. Participants were split into three different teams and showed off their Sokol knowledge in trivia and their ridiculous and funny skills at the various "Minute to Win It" stations. Those skills included constructing puzzles, blowing up balloons in order to knock over cups, flipping cups, using straws to suck up Goldfish and transferring them to a different bowl, and wrapping up people in toilet paper to make mummies. This time was full of plenty of laughs and was a great way to end our time together at the Clinic.

On Sunday morning, we said goodbye to all participants, but it felt good to say with confidence that we would see them next year. Please come join us next year, no matter what age you are, in order to make our 50th Slet the most memorable one yet!



Supreme Chaplain Father Andrew S. Hvozdovic.



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

Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 3:00 p.m.

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 23, 2022, and greeted all the members of the Board on the call.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, V.F. offered the **Opening Prayer** leading the Directors in the reading of the Prayer of St. Francis.

Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis, led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was asked to take the Roll Call and the following members responded:

Supreme Chaplain.....Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, V.F.
Supreme President.....Michael J. Horvath
Supreme Vice-President.....Edward D. Moeller
Supreme Secretary.....Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
Supreme Treasurer.....James F. Knis
General Counsel.....John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
Chairperson of the Supreme AuditorsJames G. Jerek
Supreme Director of Sports
and AthleticsJames C. Matlon
Supreme Physical DirectorMartin Degnan
Supreme Physical DirectressKatie Swift

The record will show that all ten members of the Board of Directors are present. All welcomed Brother Martin Degnan to the Board of Directors. Acknowledged

President Horvath informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held on March 18-19, 2022, and published in the May 1, 2022, issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

Approved

President Horvath then called upon our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., to give a brief overview of the **Membership/Sales and Marketing Report**.

Brother Secretary gave a snapshot of the current life and annuity production for the year to date as compared to the 2022 projections. Also discussed was future marketing and sales campaigns to be considered over the next few years.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Horvath thanked Brother Secretary for the report. President Horvath then asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, James F. Knis, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC. Approved

President Horvath then called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano, Market Director/Senior Vice-President, and Ms. Cynthia Cole, Fixed Income Specialist, of PNC Institutional Asset Management to present the **PNC Advisor's Report**.

Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole reviewed PNC's outlook for the financial markets and the economy with the Board. Additionally, he reviewed the investment strategies recently implemented in both the equity and fixed income portfolios.

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

Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook and Mr. Calimano indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment. The Board members expressed thanks to Mr. Calimano and Ms. Cole for their presentation.

President Horvath then called on the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, for the **Physical Fitness Board Report**.

Brother Matlon reported that on March 30, 2022, Brother John Underation announced his resignation as the Supreme Physical Director. The SPFB held a zoom call on April 3rd and Marty Degnan is the new Supreme Physical Director. Dusan Dorich has agreed to move up as the Supreme Assistant Physical Director after the Board of Directors approves the change. Additional zoom calls were held on April 12th, May 21st, and June 18th to finalize the Clinic Schedule. All the paperwork for the Clinic has been submitted to Kutztown University. We also have another zoom call scheduled on July 9th to make any last-minute updates to the Clinic schedule.

The 76th Annual Bowling Tournament was held on May 13th & 14th at Brookgate Lanes in Cleveland, Ohio. We had a combined total of 144 bowlers from the SCS, GCU, FCSU, and the NSS. The Slovak Catholic Sokol had a total of forty-four bowlers. The total prize money allocated this year was \$8,176 and the SCS bowlers received \$2,216. The tournament results and prize listing are posted on our web site. Frank Laury and Nancy Kropolinsky worked the 2022 bowling tournament, and the article and pictures will be published in the July edition of the Falcon.

The International Clinic will be held at Kutztown University beginning on July 13th through July 17th. The 2022 Clinic will have twenty-six participants from 9 Groups and

all members of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, as we get ready for the 50th International Slet that will be held in July 2023.

The 2022 Golf Tournament will be held at Treasure Lake Resort in DuBois, PA from August 12th through the 14th. We have a combined golf tournament for the second year with golfers from the FCSU and the GCU and expect to have over 150 golfers this year.

<u>2022 Events</u>	<u>Host City</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Staff Assignments</u>
Clinic	Kutztown, PA	July 13-17	S.P.F.B
Golf	Dubois, PA	August 12-14	Kristen Popik

President Horvath thanked Brother Matlon and Sister Swift for their report and entertained a motion to accept, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller.

Approved

Brother President then called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. for the **Legal Department Report**.

Counsel reported that there are two items to report on:

1. Brother John updated the Board on the sale of the print shop in the rear of the Home Office Building.
2. Brother John also updated the Board on the Clinic contract forwarded to him by Brother Matlon.

After a brief discussion regarding the above items, President Horvath entertained a motion to approve the report, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic.

Approved

President Horvath thanked the General Counsel and called upon Chairman of the **Scholarship Committee**, Edward D. Moeller, for the Scholarship Committee Report.

Brother Moeller reported that the committee was able to manage all business through email communication.

The winner's photos appeared in the June 1, 2022, issue of the Falcon publication. Checks will be mailed out from the Home Office in July to the applicants who were selected for a grant. Brother Moeller reported that 29 Slovak Catholic Sokol College Grant winners were selected, 2 Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Grant, 2 Emil Slavik Memorial Grant, 1 Doctors Lesko Medical Memorial Grant, 1 Krista Glugosh Memorial Grant, 1 Yencha Family Grant and 4 Museum Memorial Grants were awarded.

In addition, 6 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grants and 1 Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant recipients were selected.

Thank-you letters acknowledging individual selections have been received at the Home Office and Brother Moeller, as in the past, has forwarded the "essay quotes" received from the winners to be included in the Falcon publication.

Several recommendations were presented from Brother Moeller and the Board agreed with them which would improve the application process. The website will

be updated accordingly, and the applications will become available in November of 2022.

Brother Moeller also made a motion that we eliminate the maximum number of scholarships a student can receive for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B Memorial High School Grant and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Grade School Grant. Currently, the maximum allowed is two for the High School Grant and three for the Grade School Grant. The reasoning for this is to help encourage our members to pursue a Catholic Education and allowing for a little financial relief in the process. If we would get to a point where applications exceed the allowable scholarships to be awarded, first preference would be given to those who have not received at least three. Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, seconded the motion.

Approved

President Horvath called for a motion to accept the report submitted by Brother Moeller, so moved by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

Approved

The Supreme President questioned the Board members regarding the Annuity Interest Rate to be offered for the third quarter of 2022.

The Board members had a lively discussion regarding the **Annuity Interest Rate**, taking into consideration our investment portfolio and the recommendations from our professionals. Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, made a motion to keep the rates at their current level, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller.

Approved

President Horvath questioned if there was any **Unfinished Business** to discuss.

Per the recommendation of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board, Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded the motion to appoint Brother Dusan Dorich the Supreme Assistant Physical Director.

Approved

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

Brother Secretary informed the Board that the 3rd Quarter Meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2022, in Independence, OH.

Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., offered the Closing Prayer for all the ill and deceased members of our organization, as well as all affected by Covid-19.

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

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

Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic
**AUGUST – THE IMMACULATE
 HEART OF MARY**

Traditionally for the Catholic Church, each month is dedicated to some major aspect of our faith such as the Precious Blood, St. Joseph, the Holy Name of Jesus and the Poor Souls. August has its major dedication too.



We know that traditionally May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. October to the Holy Rosary, and Our Lady of the Rosary. Now it's time to also remember something little realized or often forgotten. August is the month traditionally dedicated by to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

In fact, August once saw the celebration of the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In 1944 Venerable Pope Pius XII set this feast to be celebrated on Aug. 22 as the Octave of the Assumption. Two years earlier he had consecrated the Christian family and whole human race to the Immaculate Heart of Mary on the 25th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

Then in 1969, St. Pope Paul VI moved the date to the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (celebrated on the Friday before; the celebrations are next to each other). It means the Immaculate Heart of Mary feast falls on the third Saturday after Pentecost.

For the record, August still has three Marian feasts — the Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (also remembering Our Lady of the Snows) on Aug. 5; the Assumption on Aug. 15; the Queenship of Mary on Aug. 22.

This might seem all rather recent, but well before August came to be dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary she was celebrated as such for centuries. Let's take a quick peek at a few highlights.

“The real roots of the devotion to Mary's Heart are in Scripture, where on two occasions reference is made to Mary's heart by and, “Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart,” and “His mother (Mary) meanwhile kept all these things in memory, meaning in her heart,” all found in the Gospel of Luke.

The most beautiful biblical text about Mary's heart is the Magnificat because it reveals to us the wondrous riches of Mary's humble and regal heart. Her heart sings the praises of God, but it is not a solitary song, my song about the history of my soul, but the Magnificat is the song of the history of salvation for all God's people.

In the 15th century St. Bernardine of Siena gives Mary the title, the Doctor of the Heart of Mary. “In that Heart he sees, as it were, seven burning furnaces that give rise to seven flames which are the seven acts of love expressed in the seven ‘words’ of Our Lady found in the Gospel.”

Then in the 17th century, St. John Eudes broadcast the devotion and promoted a feast in honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Soon several dioceses in France did so.

Devotion continued and surged in 1830 with the Miraculous Medal. Among the images Our Lady told St. Catherine Labouré to place on the medal was one of her Immaculate Heart placed next to the Sacred Heart.

**2022 SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
 FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR**

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year Award. We encourage all Groups, Assemblies and Wreaths to nominate a member in your area who exemplifies what true fraternalism is to either your Group, Wreath, Assembly or Community. We ask that the nominee be someone who shows significant involvement in his or her local Assembly, Wreath or Group.

How has that nominee promoted the Slovak Catholic Sokol over the years? What parish or religious activities have they been involved in? How about Community Volunteer Efforts? I am sure there are numerous candidates that all our Groups, Wreaths and Assemblies have that fit this description. The Board of Directors will review all applications received and will announce a winner. That individual will be honored with a banquet in their honor and will also receive a small token of our appreciation..

Nomination forms can be attained on our website slovakcatholicssokol.org. Completed nomination forms can be returned to me at the following address: Edward D. Moeller, Supreme Vice President, Slovak Catholic Sokol, 2821 Waterman Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa 15227 or emailed to vp@slovakcatholicssokol.org. Nomination forms must be received by September 1, 2022.

**IT'S TIME FOR THE MAHONING
 VALLEY SLOVAK FEST**

Members of the Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest committee are making plans for the 17th annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest. It will take place on Sunday, August 14, 2022 at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (St. Matthias Church grounds) which is at 915 Cornell Street and the corner of Florida Road and Shady Run Avenue on the southside of Youngstown, OH.

A Slovak English Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m.. We will have wonderful food including a Taste of Slovakia (including pirohy, holupki (stuffed cabbage), and much more that can be pre ordered by calling the parish office (330-788-5082. Klobasa and sauerkraut sandwiches and much more will be for sale during the afternoon. There will be our bake sale and basket raffle, along with a money raffle with all prizes being cash.

The Del Sinchak Orchestra will play and there will be ethnic displays and vendors with Slovak items for sale. And you can enjoy the wonderful outside setting with tents to provide shade!

The Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest helps to support the education of our children, the Slovak churches, and the Slovak organizations of the Mahoning Valley through helping to preserve the heritage and customs that were brought to the valley by churches, parishes, organizations, and individuals of Slovak heritage. The Slovak community has played a large role in our community's history and this festival pays tribute to that role.

We hope that you all come enjoy this great day with us! We would love to see you! – **Loretta Ekoniak**

WALKING PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. The purpose of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Walking Program is to promote a heart-healthy lifestyle. By exercising, each Walker will reach milestones to be eligible for awards. The pursuit of reaching the milestones leads to a healthier way of life.

2. To be eligible for participation, a Walker of any age, must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

3. A member can start the program at any time during the year. The final Tally Sheet for that year must be submitted no later than January 31 of the following year.

4. Miles walked can be sent to the coordinator monthly, quarterly or at the end of the year. Information should include total miles walked and location/setting. The included Tally Sheet may be used.

5. Mileage from each year will determine the prize awarded. Every Walker will receive an award.

6. Awards will be given for each milestone achieved by the 100's and will be determined by the coordinator.

7. Awards will be given in March of the following year.

8. Coordinator contact information: Nancy Kropolinsky, Supreme Assistant Physical Directress, 1853 Wingate Rd. Youngstown, Ohio 44514; kropolinskynancy@gmail.com; 330-727-2487.

“STEPPING INTO A HEALTHY HEART”

I would like to encourage all members to join veteran SO-KOL walkers and enroll in the Walking Program. It is easy to enroll. Just keep a record of your miles and send them to me monthly, quarterly or at the end of year. Members will receive an award for each 100th milestone reached. Awards may be broken into age group categories. Please include the following: your name, age, address, Email (if applicable), miles walked and dates. A Sample Tally Sheet is included.

The physical benefits of walking are numerous: A brisk walk 30 minutes a day can help maintain a healthy weight, improve cardiovascular fitness, promote muscle endurance, and increase energy levels. If you can't set aside 30 minutes at one time, start out with several short sessions throughout the day. Any amount of activity is better than none. The weather is getting warmer so now is the perfect time to start! If you are new to the walking program, here are some tips to help you get started:

- Establish goals you can accomplish- start simple such as walking for 10 minutes at a time.
- Vary your routine- plan several routes, walk somewhere new or plan walks with a friend.
- Choose your course carefully- walk in well light areas, avoid uneven paths
- Wear comfortable clothes- shoes with flexible soles to absorb shock.
- Don't give up- if you miss a day or so, just pick up and start again.

The benefits of walking promote the theme of our slogan - “A sound mind in a sound body”. Purposeful walking can foster a peaceful state of mind. In the book, *Mindfulness: A Practice Guide to Finding Peace in a Frantic World*, Profes-

or Williams, and Dr. Penman state that “Happiness is looking at the same things with different eyes.” Mindful walking can provide inner peace during this most frantic time of our lives. Walking in this way encourages one to be present in the moment, find stillness and develop awareness. To being:

- Choose a place to walk with minimal distractions, such as a park, a garden, walking trail
- Consider your posture, your weight on your feet, your muscles, and your balance
- Take a few deep breaths and begin walking slowly
- Attend to the senses around you, what you hear, see, smell, and feel

Mindful walking may take time to get used to, but the benefits are proven to promote positive changes in mental health, such as reducing anxiety, depression, and stress.

Whichever method of walking you choose, select the one you need the most at that time and take the first step.

I look forward to hearing from all the walkers out there and am anxiously awaiting to receive totals!

Slovak Catholic Sokol Walking Program Tally Sheet

Name _____ Email _____

Age _____ Address _____

Month	Miles Walked	Location/ Setting
January		
February		
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		

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 116 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.scslife.org. Mail all completed Referral Lead Cards to:

Slovak Catholic Sokol
P.O.Box 899
205 Madison Street
Passaic, NJ 07055

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 ____/____/____

Interest:
<input type="checkbox"/> Life Insurance
<input type="checkbox"/> Annuity

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
1.25%		1.75%		2.00% 2.10% 2.20%		2.50%		2.75%

● SPA Single Premium immediate Annuity

3.00% – 10 Years % Greater ● 2.75% Less than 10 Years

ANNIVERSARY MASS AND REUNION OF ASSEMBLY 78, JUNE 2ND IN BETHLEHEM, PA

On Sunday, June 5, Slovak Catholic Sokol Bethlehem, PA Assembly 78 (Group 10) held a reunion in South Bethlehem at Incarnation of the Lord Parish (formerly Saints Cyril and Methodius).

The event started with a Mass, concelebrated by Father Dave Kozak (pastor of the parish) and Monsignor Robert Kozel (who's had a long relationship with the Sokols and SSCM, and previously served as parish pastor). Father Kozak's homily highlighted the social significance of the Sokols organization (with its principles like ancestry, fraternity, and community) and the rich history of early South Bethlehem where the Sokols thrived. The Mass included unique Slovak elements, including the church choir dressed in ethnic outfits and a customary offering/blessing of bread and salt (a cultural greeting used in Slavic countries) to welcome the dignitaries from the Slovak Catholic Sokol who were in attendance.

After mass, the assembly moved to the church social hall for a long-overdue reunion. They shared a meal catered by DeSales University Catering, while listening to ethnic music provided by accordion player John Stofanek. The assembly sang and danced, reminisced while looking through old photos and memorabilia, and shared stories. A raffle was held that contributed proceeds of nearly \$600 to the church.

Among those present were Assembly 78 officers - Francis Blanar (President), Paulette Blanar (Vice President and Auditor), Susan Knoblach (Treasurer and Recording Secretary), and Alice Knoblach (Auditor). Also in attendance were Michael Horvath (Supreme President, Wilkes Barre, PA, Group 7) and Jim Matlon (Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Whippany, NJ, Group 1). Brother Blanar, Brother Horvath, and Brother Matlon provided speeches that storied their lives as members of the Sokols through personal experiences, remembered past member contributions, and expanded on the continued importance of the organization. The event concluded with remarks, recollections, and heart-felt gratuities from Monsignor Kozel, before a group photo was taken on the church steps.

The event served as a milestone for Bethlehem's Assembly 78, coinciding with the anniversary of the Sokol's Assembly. Organized in 1910, with the home association incorporated in 1923, it was at one time the largest lodge in the entire organization, playing a significant role in the history of the Sokols.

The reunion was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the history of the Bethlehem Sokols, to share in the fellowship of the Assembly's members, to remember the contributions of past members from days gone by, and appreciate the organization's continued relevance in our present time.

Zdar Boh!

Matthew Blanar and Angelique Blanar
Slovak Catholic Sokol, Assembly 78



Fr. Kozak during the Homily.



Slovak welcome with bread and salt (chlieb a sol'). L-r: Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Msgr. Kozel, Fr. Kozak, Francis Blanar, President of Assembly 78 and Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon.



Left to right: Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, President of Assembly 78 Francis Blanar and Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James C. Matlon.



Assembly 78 memorabilia.



Reception in Labuda Hall.

DID YOU KNOW THAT...



...Frédéric Auguste Bartholdi's model for the Statue of Liberty was the beautiful Frenchwoman Isabelle Boyer, who was first married to the American industrialist Isaac Merrit Singer of sewing machine fame- and later to the Duke of Campo Selice of Luxembourg. In 1878, the 36-year-old Duchess de Campo Selice attracted the attention of the sculptor who forever immortalized her features in the face of Lady Liberty.

“SOKOL DAY” PICNIC IN PLAINS TOWNSHIP, PA

Group 7 “ Reverend Jozef Murgas” Slovak Catholic Sokol of Wilkes- Barre, PA will hold their 86th Annual “Sokol Day” Picnic on Saturday, September 3. The event will take place at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clarke Lane in Plains Twp., PA from noon until 5 p.m. The picnic will feature Slovak food and other picnic favorites, 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! Sokol Day is open to the public, so please join us.

– Pamela Lipski, *Group 7 Reporter*



Pictured are the members of the planning committee – seated (l-r): Marty Degan, Kris Godlewski, Amy Blasco, and Kelly Palchanis. Standing: Steve Hvozdovic, Pam Lipski, Frank Lipski, Joe Hvozdovic, Kim Graham, Tony Rasimas and Gary Blasco.



REMAINS OF CZECHOSLOVAK PILOTS BURIED IN THE NETHERLANDS AFTER 81 YEARS

The remains of Czechoslovak pilots who fought in the British Royal Air Force were buried in the Netherlands on Thursday, June 23 with all military honors, with Slovak Defence Minister Jaroslav Nad also taking part in the mourning ceremony at the Bergen op Zoom military cemetery.

“I believe that the story of this crew will live permanently in our historical memory and will continue to be a shining example of patriotism, heroism and military virtues for the successors of their legacy serving in the Czech and Slovak Armed Forces,” said Nad. On this occasion, he thanked the Dutch citizens and the authorities, without whose efforts the life story of the five Czechoslovak pilots couldn’t have been definitively closed.

Vickers Wellington Mk. IC T2990 with a crew from the 311 Czechoslovak Bomber Squadron of the British Royal Air Force was shot down in the early morning hours of June 23, 1941 near the Dutch village of Nieuwe Niedorp. The plane was shot down by a German night-fighter as the British machine was on its return from a bombing raid on the German city of Bremen. The only surviving member of the crew was the commander of the aircraft, Vilem Bufka, who was captured by the Germans. He survived the end of the war in German captivity. The missing crew members Alois Rozum, Leonhard Smrcek, Vilem Konstacky, Jan Hejna and Karel Valach were among the war pilots who haven’t yet had a dignified final resting place. Their remains were found only during last year’s examination of the wreckage of the shot-down bomber.

PRESIDENT: TWO INVESTMENTS HEADING TO SLOVAKIA GOOD NEWS

The construction of the Volvo car factory near Kosice and the construction of a new plant in Slovenska Lupca (Banska Bystrica region) is good news, especially for the people in eastern Slovakia, President Zuzana Caputova posted on a social network on Friday, pointing out that both investments have the ambition to meet strict ecological and emission standards.

The head of state is happy that Slovakia is strengthening its reputation as the world leader in car production per capita as well as that the country attracts green investments, which are a guarantee of Slovakia’s progress. “I’d like to thank all those who, through their work, contacts and negotiations, contributed to the fact that both of these companies will strengthen the Slovak economy and give work to thousands of people,” wrote Caputova.

Swedish car maker Volvo Cars is set to build a new plant for the production of electric cars worth €1.2 billion near Kosice. By choosing Slovakia as the location for its new production plant, Volvo is creating a European production triangle that includes plants in Ghent, Belgium in Western Europe and

in Torslanda, Sweden in Northern Europe. Prime Minister Eduard Heger (and Economy Minister Richard Sulik signed an investment contract with representatives of the car company on Friday.

Beginning of July, the German chemical group Evonik laid the foundation stone of the world’s largest industrial facility for the production of environmentally friendly biosurfactants in Slovenska Lupca. Foaming agents are the basis of the recipes of most cleaning and hygiene products.

SLOVAKIA TO BECOME MEMBER OF UNESCO INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Slovakia has been elected as a member of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Along with Uzbekistan, Slovakia will begin its four-year mandate on November 28, 2022, during the committee’s 17th session in Morocco.

“Slovakia’s election is an appraisal of our high level of expertise in the field of preserving traditions and living heritage, but also an appreciation of the ministry’s diplomatic activities. Our lobbying efforts culminated in a highly successful performance by Slovak folklore ensemble SLUK at UNESCO premises,” said Foreign Affairs Minister Ivan Korcok (a Freedom and Solidarity/SaS nominee), adding that as a committee member, Slovakia will be even more active in sharing good practice in using intangible heritage to support a sustainable way of life with the international community.

UNESCO’s Intangible Heritage Committee was created by the Convention of 2003, which Slovakia was among the first countries to ratify in 2006. The 24-member committee is the main executive body of the Convention and, at the same



Špania Dolina is a village and municipality in central Slovakia, near the city of Banská Bystrica. Although its permanent population does not exceed 200 people, it is a picturesque historic village surrounded by the Staré Hory and Veľká Fatra mountains. It has become a popular tourist recreation center. A covered stairway leads to a fortified church, built in the Gothic and Renaissance styles. Wooden miners’ houses, now reconstructed, were originally built in the 17th and 18th centuries.

time, the body that decides on recording items on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Slovakia has eight items on the list, including the fujara (a shepherd's pipe) and its music, bagpipe culture, modrotlač indigo dyeing, wire crafts and falconry.

GAS RESERVERS WON'T GET SLOVAKIA THROUGH WINTER

Slovakia doesn't have enough gas reserves to last through the whole winter season, contrary to what Economy Minister Richard Sulik claims, House Committee for Economic Affairs chairman Peter Kremšky declared on Tuesday, July 12.

The reserves have been growing, but it's necessary to keep accumulating them because the gas might completely stop flowing from Russia to Europe in the autumn, a scenario for which Slovakia must be prepared.

"According to Richard Sulik, we have 49% of the annual gas consumption in our reservoirs, which will last us through the whole heating season or until the end of March 2023. That's not true, however. We must stick to the facts," claimed Kremšky, pointing to the data of the AGSI gas utility website.

It follows from the data that Slovakia consumes about 57 TWh annually, but has only about 23 TWh in its underground reservoirs at the moment.

Kremšky underlined that Slovakia needs at least 35 TWh to supply households, heating facilities and industry, and that it has been physically impossible for Slovakia to increase its gas reserves to such a volume as presented by Sulik.

Kremšky added that he appreciates how the SPP gas utility and the Economy Ministry is trying to secure a sufficient amount of gas and all the progress they have accomplished in this endeavour.

"I'm confident that if they continue doing this, they will manage to fill the reservoirs by the end of August with sufficient volume to get us through the entire winter. But it's useless to mislead the people and calm them down prematurely with unsubstantiated claims," he said.

SOCIAL PARTNERS AGREE FOR FIRST TIME EVER ON MINIMUM WAGE

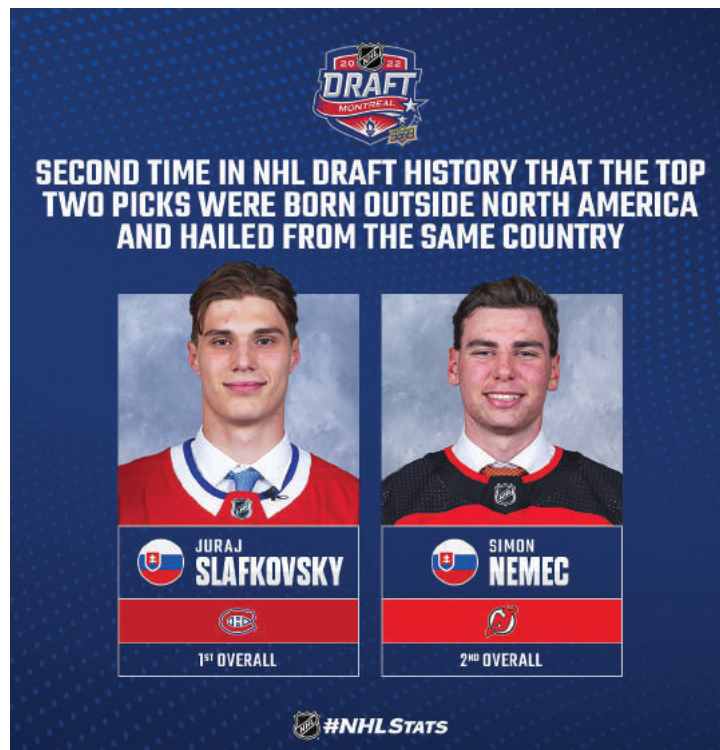
Employers, trade unions and local government representatives have agreed for the first time ever to increase the minimum wage at a single rate – from the current €646 to €700 per month next year, the social partners announced at a joint press conference on Thursday, July 14.

"All the social partners agreed that in the current situation the level of the minimum wage must take into account possible negative impacts on employees and households but at the same time take into consideration the unfavourable business environment and respect the real opportunities of Slovak employees," reads a joint statement.

The tripartite members stressed that the joint proposal to increase the minimum wage to €700 is clear evidence that responsible social dialogue makes sense.

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

SLOVAKIA MAKES HISTORY IN FIRST ROUND OF 2022 NHL DRAFT



MONTREAL -- 18 years old Juraj Slafkovsky and Simon Nemeč made history at the 2022 Upper Deck NHL Draft on Thursday, July 7, becoming the highest drafted Slovakian-born players when they were selected No. 1 by the Montreal Canadiens and No. 2 by the New Jersey Devils. They passed Marian Gaborik, who was selected No. 3 by the Minnesota Wild in the 2000 NHL Draft.



Filip Mesar

Juraj Slafkovsky and Simon Nemeč were selected first and second overall in the 2022 Upper Deck #NHLDraft and Filip Mesar (No. 26) was picked up later – the most Slovakian-born players ever in Round 1.

Slafkovsky, who was No. 1 in NHL Central Scouting's final ranking of International skaters, had 10 points (five goals, five assists) in 31 regular-season games for TPS in Liiga, Finland's top professional league, and seven points (two goals, five assists) in 18 playoff games. The forward was also voted the most valuable player of the 2022 Beijing Olympics, when he scored seven goals to help Slovakia win the bronze medal, the country's first.

That came six months after Slovakia finished second in the 2021 Hlinka Gretzky Cup, where Nemeč, a defenseman, was named MVP of the tournament.



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - August 2022

AUGUST FUN FACTS



August is the only calendar month in the English language that can be a male given name.

Along with July, August is one of two calendar months to be named after people who really lived (July was named for Julius Caesar and August was named for Augustus).

Only one US President has died in August, Warren G. Harding, on August 2, 1923.

August's flower is the Gladiolus with the birthstone being peridot.

The astrological signs for August are Leo (July 22 - August 21) and Virgo (August 22 - September 21).

August is the second of two months beginning with 'A', the other being April, with both April 21 and August 21 falling either side of the Northern summer solstice.

The US also has some pretty delicious-sounding observances for the month relating to food! In August the US celebrates National Goat Cheese Month, National Panini Month, Peach Month, and Sandwich Month.

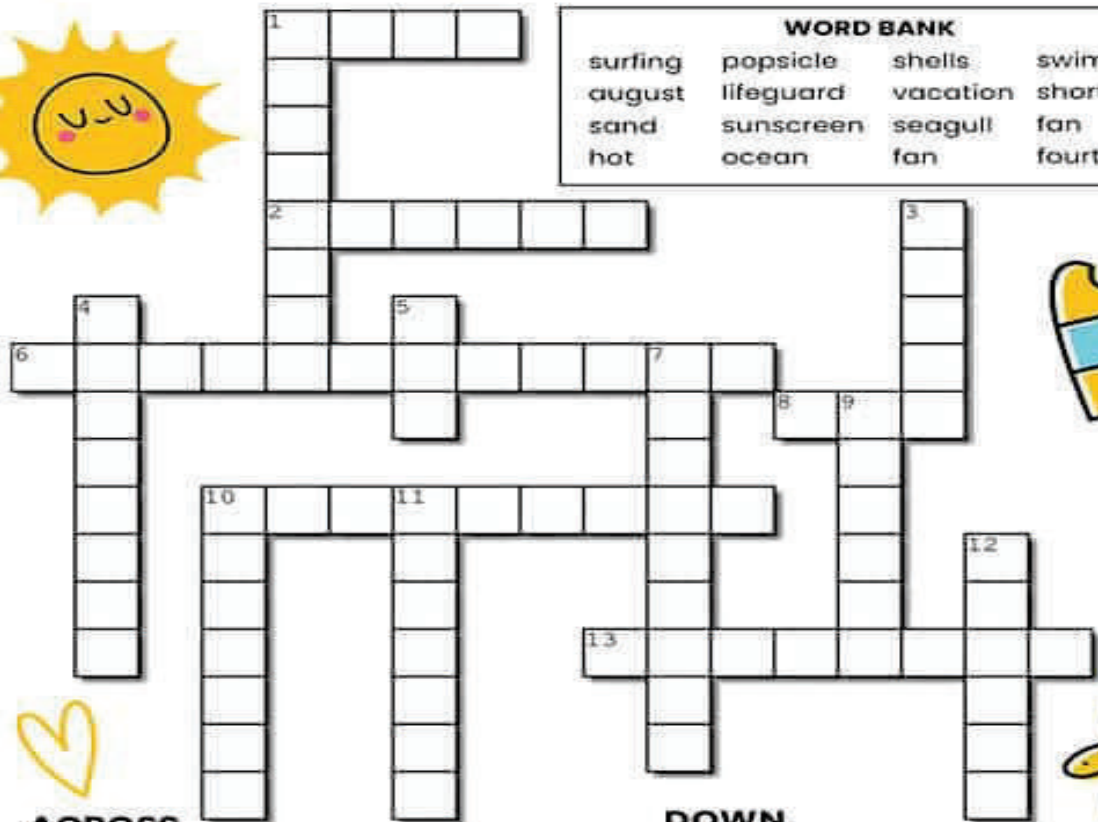


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AT THE BEACH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



WORD BANK			
surfing	popsicle	shells	swimsuit
august	lifeguard	vacation	shorts
sand	sunscreen	seagull	fan
hot	ocean	fan	fourth of july



- ACROSS**
- Kids love to dig in this.
 - You can collect these on the beach.
 - An American summer holiday.
 - You turn this on to cool off.
 - We put this on our skin to protect us from the sun.
 - A trip away from home.
- DOWN**
- What you wear to go swimming.
 - You swim in this at the beach.
 - A frozen treat on a stick.
 - The weather in summer.
 - Someone whose job is to make sure swimmers are safe.
 - The last month of summer.
 - A bird you see often at the beach.
 - When you ride a wave with a board.
 - Commonly worn in summer.





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - August 2022

ANNOUNCING THE KIDS'

CORNER SUMMER READING PROGRAM!!!!

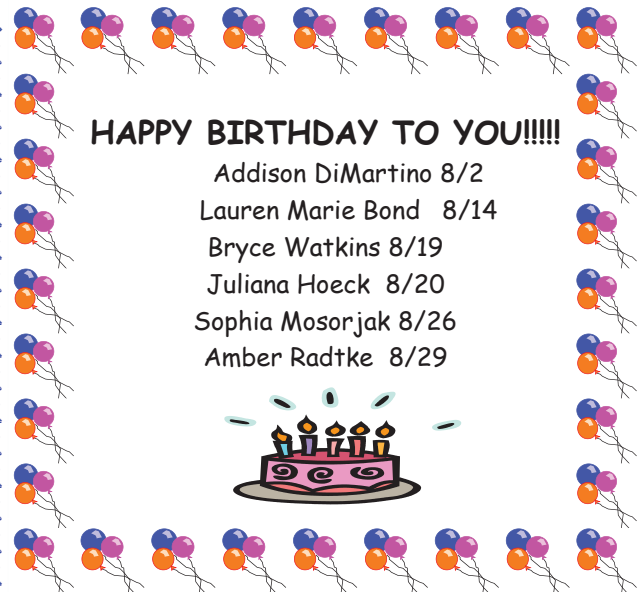
Just a reminder.....I will need the completed reading lists returned to me no later than September 10th. Include your name, address, Group number and age so that I can recognize you in the paper. Don't forget to highlight your favorite books on the list!!! and have fun reading!!!! Please send your completed reading lists to:

Edward D. Moeller-
2821 Waterman Ave,
Pittsburgh, PA 15227



If you prefer to do it on-line you can e-mail it to me:
vp@slovakcatholicssokol.org

Keep reading and enjoy the rest of your summer!!

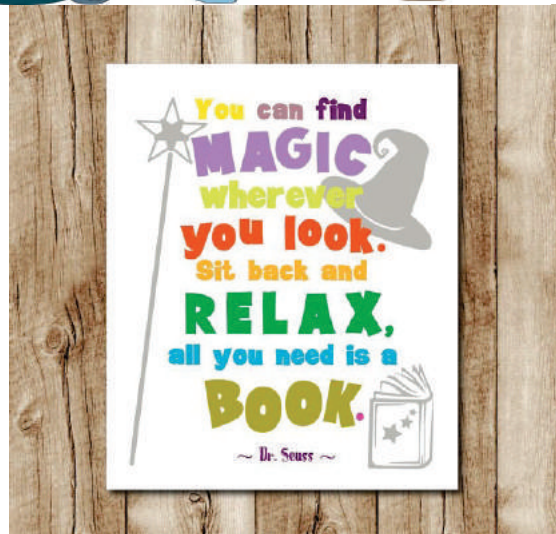


HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- Addison DiMartino 8/2
- Lauren Marie Bond 8/14
- Bryce Watkins 8/19
- Juliana Hoeck 8/20
- Sophia Mosorjak 8/26
- Amber Radtke 8/29



"The more that you read,
the more things you will
know. The more that
you learn, the more
places you'll go."
- DR. SEUSS



THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Board of Directors,

Thank you so much for choosing me to receive the 2022 Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship. I am also honored to share Slovak heritage, and will express my heritage in my everyday life!

Thank you again,
Danielle Calpin, Omaha, NE

Dear Brother Scott and Members of the Scholarship Committee,

I want to thank you for selecting me as one of this year's high school scholarship recipients. I am honored to have been chosen and I am grateful to the Slovak Catholic Sokol and their support in furthering my Catholic school education. Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Hess, Cedar Grove, NJ

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Committee,

I would like to personally thank you all of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors and Scholarship Selection Committee for selecting me for the Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Scholarship. Currently enrolled at Guelph-Humber University for my second year of Kinesiology studies. I wish to continue my educa-

tion highlighting in Sports Medicine and Therapy.

As a active Sokol member, sports are very important to me and continue into my everyday of life. I am very ambitious and enlightened to strive one day to help and support athletes to keep fit, recover and retrain their body from sport injuries and prevent injuries reoccurring in the future. Working side by side with professional sports teams is my ultimate goal.

I truly appreciate all the Supreme Board of Directors and Scholarship Selection Committee in taking the time and selecting me to receive this honored scholarship.

Sincerely,
Adam Dorich, Etobicoke, ON, CN

Dear Brother Pogorelec,

I am thankful to have been selected as one of the recipients of the 2022-2023 Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B. Memorial High School Grant. I am thankful for the gift of Catholic education. I am appreciative of the generosity of this grant to continue my education at Berks Catholic High School. Thank you for the generous and thoughtful gift. Zdar Boh!

Sincerely,
Cole R. Baker, Wernersville, PA

Introducing our newest member



Rocco DeRoia, born May 21, 2021 is the son of Donald and Brooke Richnawsky of Lakewood, OH. He was enrolled as a member in Wreath 153 in Parma, OH.

JOIN THE
WALKING PROGRAM
For more information contact
Martin Degnan at
mcoach1986@aol.com

CHECK OUT THE NEW SOKOL WEAR!

HOODIES, T-SHIRTS, GOLF SHIRTS, VISORS AND CAPS are now available on line. Order yours today by simply going to our website

slovakcatholicssokol.org
and selecting the link

"New Sokol Wear".

Clothing items will be shipped directly to your door!

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon will be that of **SEPTEMBER 1, 2022**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **AUGUST 22, 2022**.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION 2023 "DOBRY PASTIER" – GOOD SHEPPARD

The Slovak Catholic Federation is accepting articles for its 2023 edition of the "Dobry Pastier" Good Shepherd.

The Good Shepherd is a collection of literary articles submitted by contributing authors on all things Slovak, Catholic, faith, cultural and heritage, the arts, and personal essays or other topics the writer wishes to share with the readers. The Good Shepherd also serves as the only source for contact information for the Church in Slovakia, and those Slovak clergy and religious in the United States, as well as religious congregations, and places of worship. The articles come from authors in the

United States, Slovakia and the Slovak Diaspora from around the world.

Anyone wishing to submit an article for publication can submit their articles to Sister Barbara Sable, SSCM, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821 or barbarasable@hotmail.com. The Deadline for submitting an article is June 30, 2023. The articles submitted need to be double spaced typed in doc format and in Times New Roma font.

Any questions regarding the Good Shepherd, the articles, etc. can be sent to Michael Horvath, msjhm185@aol.com, Chairperson, Slovak Catholic Federation Communications Committee.

**SS. CYRIL AND METHIDIUS APPEAL
OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION**

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 44th 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 July 20, the 2022 Appeal has received \$26,347.87 from 187 donors. Among the 57 donations received from various Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 11, Assembly 23, Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 48, Assembly 78, Assembly 82, Assembly 86, Assembly 104, Assembly 162, Assembly 180, Assembly 291, Group 6, Group 7, Group 9, Group 12, Group 14, Group 18, Wreath 1, Wreath 14, as well as the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$2,200. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 32 clergy and religious, and 92 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2022 Appeal 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, 2022 will be credited toward the 2023 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 Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harveys Lake, PA and Gate of Heaven Parish, Dallas, PA. Rev. Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Pennndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.



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**SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
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APRIL – JUNE 2022**

We are pleased to acknowledge the following donations which were received in April through June of 2022 for our Slovak Catholic Sokol Museum located at our home office in Passaic, NJ. A donation in someone's honor is a great way to pay tribute to a Sokol member who has been active in your Group, Assembly, or Wreath.

The monies received from these donations fund our annual \$1,000 Memorial Scholarships which assist our young people in their educational endeavors. The number of scholarship grants the Museum Board gives out, depends upon the amount of donations received.

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All Sokols	PNC Bank	\$ 3,000
Bernard Novabilski	David Piskorik	200
John Jerek	Supreme Treasurer James Knis and his wife Michele	50
Total Donations this Quarter:		\$ 3,250
Total donations to date in 2022:		\$ 4,035

Thank you for your generosity,
James F. Knis, Supreme Treasurer

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 6

Semi-Annual Meeting of Group 6 Msg. Andrew Hlinka will be held Sunday, October 23 at 1:15 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Back Porch Restaurant, 114 Speer St., Belle Vernon, PA (lower Speers). Reservations must be made no later than October 7 by contacting either Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675 or Anna Mae Warnick at 724-736-4032.

Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, December 4 at which time a Christmas Party will be held at the Clubhouse Grille, Belle Vernon. Details regarding the Christmas Party will be provided at a later date. – **Terri Gardner, Secretary**

**MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING
OF ASSEMBLY 163**

The semi-annual meeting of Assembly 163 - Donora PA was held on Sunday June 26, 2022. Meeting was called to order by Dorothy Rudinec at 1:10 p.m. The financial report was provided by Terri Gardner. Childre's Christmas party was discussed and agreed that as in the past the party will be held when the Semi annual meeting is held in December. Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m. – **Terri Gardner**

OBITUARIES



DELPHINE HUSSAR

Delphine "Dolly" Hussar, age 90, of Canton, OH passed away peacefully on June 21, 2022.

A life resident of Canton, she was the daughter of the late John and Virginia (Perretta)



Sinay. She is preceded in death by her husband, Andrew and son, David Hussar. Dolly is survived by her son, Daniel Hussar, 3 daughters, Sharon (Cedric) James, Susan (Brian) Blosser, Lynda (Jeff) Hill, daughter-in-law, Denise Hussar; 11 grandchildren, JD (Britani) Hill,

Kristina (Chad) Freeman, Geoffrey Chewning, Brittany (Jake) Speck, Heather (Tony) DiAngelis, Alexa (Anthony) Goffus, Justin (Chesley) Blosser, Jayme Blosser, Kristen (Adam) Milligan, Austin (Annie) Hill and Andrew Hussar; 14 great-grandchildren, Greyson Chewning, Junior & Sydney DiAngelis, Carter & Kamden Freeman, Harvey, Monroe & Malone Speck, Ellie & Maxwell Goffus, Allie Blosser, Kaydence Hill, Braylen & Adalynn Milligan and one Freeman on the way; brothers, Ron (Gloria) Sinay, Jerry Sinay and sister, Judy (Robert, deceased) Glasser.

Dolly was the 2015 Slovak Catholic Sokol (SCS) Fraternalist of the Year. She was an active member of the S.C.S. Group 5 (Cleveland, Ohio) since 1940, competing in Slets in track, field, calisthenics, gymnastics and volleyball, volunteering her time for Sokol activities and was willing to assist in any way possible. If she wasn't competing she was attending the Slets to watch her children and grandchildren compete. She was a member of Group 5 physical fitness board as well as an honorary officer of Group 5.

She volunteered most of her life and was very instrumental in starting the girls' track & field program at Our Lady of Peace Catholic School where she was head coach for 12 years and athletic director for 8. She was also a track & field referee serving as the first woman President and Secretary of the Eastern Ohio Track & Field Officials Association. Dolly was on the forefront of starting the Eastern District Volleyball, Basketball and Track competitions.

Dolly was a 1950 graduate of Timken High School. At age 55 graduated from Stark State as a Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA) and worked as a PTA until her retirement.

She grew up a member of Sacred Heart

IN MEMORIAM

JUNE 2022

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 28	Dennis J. Zifcak, Uxbridge, MA	76	June 12, 2022
Assembly 36	Yia Yang Kue, Cowpens, SC	84	June 26, 2022
Assembly 48	Monica E. Aquilante, Bridgeport, PA	91	June 16, 2022
Assembly 78	Stephen G. Kujovsky, Lebanon, PA	50	September 25, 2020
Assembly 108	Robert Babnic, Youngstown, OH	81	May 13, 2022
Assembly 162	Richard J. Malek, Newburgh, NY	75	June 6, 2022
Assembly 179	Francis M. Sincak, N. Huntingdon, PA	80	June 2, 2022
Assembly 180	Vicki Rivers Seich, El Dorado Hills, CA	69	June 21, 2022
Assembly 182	Marilyn Lunsford, Beacon, NY	81	June 9, 2022
Assembly 188	George S. Rovnack, Freeland, PA	95	May 1, 2022
Assembly 313	Anne R. Powell, Jacksonville, FL	96	June 4, 2022
Wreath 15	Helen Popso, Reynoldsburg, OH	100	January 19, 2022
Wreath 34	Eleanor J. Gleba, Travelers Rest, SC	92	April 24, 2022
Wreath 54	Martha J. Gottlieb, Youngstown, OH	67	May 23, 2022
Wreath 54	Mary Margaret Starr, Campbell, OH	65	May 25, 2022
Wreath 85	Richard A. Borecki, McKees Rocks, PA	81	May 12, 2022
Wreath 153	Margaret Gebura, Middleburg Heights, OH	92	April 4, 2022
Wreath 168	Marian H. Campanelli, Waldwick, NJ	87	June 14, 2022

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.

Catholic Church until becoming a parishioner at Christ the Servant Parish, where she was very involved in volunteering for the church and the Catholic school that is attached.

She loved to read, color, do laps in her swimming pool, and attend her ever-growing families' sporting/school events.

Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, June 27 at 9 a.m.,

at Christ the Servant Parish. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery. Prior to friends calling on Sunday June 26th, a private rosary session was held for Dolly, led by Sister Agnes Evanko of Group 5. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in memory of Dolly Hussar to Christ the Servant Parish at 833 - 39th Street N.W., Canton, OH 44709. Personal condolences are invited on line at www.wackerly-funeralhome.com.

VOLVO BUDE NA SLOVENSKU VYRÁBAŤ MODERNÉ ELEKTROMOBILY

Švédska automobilka Volvo Cars postaví pri Košiciach závod na výrobu elektromobilov za 1,2 miliardy eur. Výrobu plánuje začať v roku 2026. Je to výnimočná investícia hneď z niekoľkých dôvodov. Volvo novú fabriku v Európe nepostavilo už takmer šesťdesiat rokov. Pôjde o supermodernú fabriku, zameranú čisto na výrobu elektrických áut.

Je to pre Slovensko vynikajúca správa, pretože väčšina ostatných automobiliek, napríklad Volkswagen, stavia svoje závody na výrobu elektrických áut v iných krajinách.

Volvo nechce na Slovensku vyrábať len najmodernejšie ekologické elektromobily, ale využiť chce na to najnovšie technológie, smerujúce k tomu, aby výroba bola z pohľadu emisií čo možno najpriateľskejšia k životnému prostrediu.

Štart výstavby košického závodu je plánovaný na rok 2023, s inštaláciami zariadení a výrobných línií v priebehu roku 2024. Sériová výroba ďalšej generácie čisto elektrických automobilov Volvo Cars je plánovaná na rok 2026. Takže to budú elektromobily, ktoré sa predstavia v rokoch 2024 až 2025.

Volvo by chcelo byť od roku 2030 výrobcom výlučne elektrických áut. V rámci tejto svojej snahy plánuje v najbližších rokoch predstaviť päť úplne nových a prepracovaných elektrických vozidiel a dva plug-in hybridy.

KLUBY ZÁMORSKEJ NHL SI TENTO ROK V DRAFTE VYBRALI ŠIESTICH SLOVÁKOV

Kluby zámorskej NHL si v tohtoročnom drafte vybrali celkovo šiestich slovenských hokejistov. Je to najvyšší počet od roku 2005, keď prešlo vstupným draftom sedem hráčov spod Tatier. Národný draftový rekord pochádza z roku 2000, keď zazneli mená až 16 slovenských hokejistov.

Tohtoročný výber talentov sa uskutočnil 8. júla v montraelskom Bell Centre má však pre krajinu prívlastok historický, keďže prvé dve miesta na drafte patrili prvýkrát Slovákom. Historicky prvou draftovou jednotkou zo Slovenska sa stal útočník Juraj Slafkovský, ktorého si z prvého miesta vybrali domáci Canadiens. Hneď po ňom z druhej priečky draftoval klub New Jersey Devils obrancu Šimona Nemca. Obaja tak prekonalí doterajší slovenský rekord v podaní Mariána Gáboríka, ktorého si v roku 2000 vybrala z tretieho miesta Minnesota Wild.

Fantastické prvé kolo zavŕšil Filip Mešár, po ktorom siahol z 26. miesta opäť Montreal. Canadiens tak uplatnili svoje prvé dve voľby na Slovákov.

Ďalšie tri slovenské mená zazneli v druhý deň draftu v nasledujúcich šiestich kolách. Útočníka Adama Sýkora si vybral zo 63. miesta v 2. kole New York Rangers, v poradí piatym draftovaným Slovákom sa stal center Servác Petrovský, po ktorom siahol v 6. kole zo 185. miesta klub Minnesota Wild a draftom v Montreale prešiel aj ďalší útočník Adam Žlnka, ktorého si v 7. kole z celkového 204. miesta vybrala Arizona Coyotes.

Sýkora má stále len sedemnásť rokov, plnoletosť dovŕši až 7. septembra a ak by sa narodil o deväť dní neskôr, už by nestihol tohtoročný draft. Aj preto patril k najmladším hráčom, ktorých si kluby vyberali v Bell Centre. - *TASR*

JEDLÁ, KTORÉ POMÔŽU PRIRODZENE ZNÍŽIŤ KRVNÝ TLAK



Vysoký tlak nebolí, ale roky môže ničiť vaše telo a vy si to ani nevšimnete. Následky sú však vážne, často smrteľné. Preto ak máte diagnózu hypertenzie, prídu vám vhod plodiny, ktoré pomôžu dostať tlak pod kontrolu.



Citrusové plody ako grapefruit, pomaranč a citrón, môžu mať významné postavenie pri znižovaní krvného tlaku. Sú nabité vitamínmi, minerálmi a rastlinnými zlúčeninami, ktoré udržiavajú srdce zdravé a v dobrej kondícii. Tým samozrejme regulujú aj vysoký krvný tlak a znižujú riziko úmrtia na srdcovocievne ochorenia. Päťmesačná štúdia dokonca potvrdila priaznivý efekt pomarančového a grapefruitového džúsu na pokles tlaku krvi.

Tekvicové semenka – nepražené a nesolené. Sú koncentrovaným balíčkom látok, ktoré vám odporučí každý lekár na zníženie tlaku krvi. Majú značný podiel horčička, draslíka a hlavne arginínu. Aminokyseliny potrebnej na výrobu oxidu dusnatého, ktorý je nevyhnutný pre relaxáciu krvných ciev a zníženie krvného tlaku.



Čučoriedky, maliny, ríbezle, ale aj jahody sú plodiny, ktoré chutia a dokážu prispieť k zníženiu tlaku. Tieto druhy ovocia sú totiž plné antioxidantov, ktoré majú schopnosť znižovať rizikové faktory srdcových chorôb, ako je práve aj vysoký krvný tlak.



Mrkva obsahuje vysoké množstvo fenolových zlúčenín, ktoré pomáhajú uvoľniť krvné cievy a znižujú zápal v tele. Aj ten skrytý. Výsledkom je zníženie krvného tlaku. Konzumovať ju môžete surovú alebo varenú, pozitívne účinky na naše cievy si zachová pri akejkoľvek forme prípravy.



Brokolica je bohatá na antioxidanty, ktoré môžu prispieť k zníženiu krvného tlaku a zlepšeniu funkcie krvných ciev. Štúdia, ktorá zozbierala údaje od 187 453 ľudí, zistila, že konzumenti štyroch alebo viacerých porcií brokolice týždenne, mali nižšie riziko vysokého krvného tlaku v porovnaní s tými, ktorí brokolice ochutnali len raz mesačne.



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VOLIŤ POŠTOU ZO ZAHRAŇIA BY SA MOHLO DAŤ AJ V PREZIDENTSKÝCH VOLĚBÁCH

Bratislava 19. júla (TASR) - Voliť poštou zo zahraničia by mohli Slováci už aj prezidenta Slovenskej republiky. Predpokladá to návrh novely zákona o podmienkach výkonu volebného práva, ktorý predložilo Ministerstvo vnútra (MV) SR na medzirezortné pripomienkovanie. Rezort chce tiež zákon upraviť tak, aby mohlo byť druhé kolo prezidentských volieb v rovnaký deň ako voľby do Európskeho parlamentu.

“Predmetom úpravy predkladaného návrhu zákona je rozšírenie voľby poštou zo zahraničia pre voľby prezidenta SR s vytvorením možnosti hlasovať aj v druhom kole volieb, ak ani jeden z kandidátov v prvom kole volieb nezískal potrebný počet hlasov,” uviedol rezort v dôvodovej správe návrhu.

Vytvoríť by sa mal informačný systém pre voľbu poštou. V ňom by sa volič zapísal do osobitného zoznamu voličov a videl by pohyb poštovej zásielky a hlasovacieho lístka. “Zavádza sa nová služba – získanie hlasovacieho lístka z webovej stránky ministerstva vnútra,” uviedol rezort v dôvodovej správe návrhu. Žiadatelia by tak už nemuseli komunikovať s obcou ich trvalého pobytu, ale všetky žiadosti by sa adresovali na ministerstvo vnútra. Žiadosť o voľbu poštou by bolo možné podať elektronicky cez informačný systém alebo v listinnej podobe.

Návrh hovorí o tom, že na hlasovanie poštou by už nemuselo byť potrebné zasielať voličom hlasovacie lístky do zahraničia. Voliči by si ich vytlačili z webu ministerstva vnútra.

Spojením európskych volieb a druhým kolom voľby prezidenta chcú dosiahnuť vyšší záujem ľudí o eurovoľby a posilniť legitimitu volených poslancov. Predpokladom na spojenie volieb, ako aj zavedenie voľby poštou vo voľbách prezidenta, je novelizácia Ústavy SR. Voľby prezidenta by sa podľa návrhu vyhlasovali najneskôr 110 dní pred ich konaním. V súčasnosti je to 55 dní vopred.

SLOVENSKO JE NAJVÄČŠÍM PRODUCENTOM OSOBNÝCH ÁUT NA OBYVATEĽA

Slovensko je v rámci Európy najväčším producentom osobných áut na obyvateľa. Ročne ich vyrobí podľa analytika UniCredit Bank Ľubomíra Koršňáka takmer 200 na tisíc obyvateľov.

Nedávno ohlásenou novou investíciou Volva do v poradí už piateho závodu automobiliek v krajine sa produkcia áut na Slovensku podľa analytika ešte viac zvýši. Maximálna výrobná kapacita tuzemských závodov by mala po roku 2026 výraznejšie prevyšovať 1,5 milióna áut ročne, teda 275 áut na tisíc obyvateľov.

MINISTERSTVO VNÚTRA NAKÚPI VRTULNÍKY PRE POLICAJTOV A ZÁCHRANÁROV

Ministerstvo vnútra SR nakúpi pre policajtov a záchránárov dva vrtulníky za 29 miliónov eur. Vláda odsúhlasila uzavretie zmlúv. Dôvodom obmeny vrtulníkovej techniky sú problémy pri údržbe a prevádzke súčasných vrtulníkov Mi-171 v súvislosti s aktuálnou situáciou na Ukrajine.

KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Hraničnými priechodmi prešlo 11. júla na Slovensko 2264 ľudí z Ukrajiny. Z toho bolo 620 mužov, 1227 žien a 417 detí. O dočasné útočisko požiadalo 280 žiadateľov. Zo Slovenska na Ukrajinu prešlo 2822 osôb. Celkový počet osôb, ktoré vstúpili na územie SR od začiatku vojny na Ukrajine, je 598.270. Celkový počet udelených dočasných útočísk od 1. marca je 85.319. Počet ľudí, ktorí odišli zo Slovenska na Ukrajinu od vypuknutia vojny, je 351.167.

Jediný výrobca hliníka na Slovensku, Slovalco v Žiari nad Hronom, ohlásil prepúšťanie. Pre priemyselnú krajinu, ako je Slovensko, ide o veľmi zlú správu, uviedlo vo štvrtok Ministerstvo hospodárstva (MH) SR. Spoločnosť postupným znižovaním výroby a súčasným prepúšťaním reaguje na narastajúce ceny elektrickej energie, vysoké ceny emisných povoleniek a nízke ceny hliníka. Vedenie spoločnosti avizuje aj úplné zastavenie výroby. Spoločnosť ohlásila prepustenie 300 zamestnancov z celkového počtu 450, pričom konečné číslo zamestnancov, ktorí prídu o zamestnanie, zatiaľ nie je definitívne. Aktuálne ide o priamych zamestnancov. Situácia sa však dotkne priemyslu a subdodávateľov v celom žiarskom regióne. Na výrobu v spoločnosti je naviazaných ďalších približne 2500 pracovných miest.

Slovenský plynárenský priemysel (SPP) v súčasnosti eviduje krátenie dodávok plynu od Rusov o 70 percent. Štátny podnik eviduje krátenie dodávok plynu od spoločnosti Gazprom Export už od mája, kedy boli dodávky obmedzené od 15 do 50 percent. Ako vyplýva z plánu zabezpečenia dodávok zemného plynu na územie Slovenskej republiky na roky 2023 a 2024, ktorý v stredu vzala na vedomie vláda SR, aj napriek kráteným dodávkam z Ruska, SPP so svojim takmer 60-percentným trhovým podielom zabezpečí dodávku plynu všetkým svojim odberateľom. Spoločnosť SPP v reakcii na situáciu v dodávkach plynu zabezpečila nové diverzifikované dodávky plynu. Ide o zmluvu o dodávke plynu z Nórska a zabezpečenie dodávky LNG k 1. júnu 2022. Spoločnosť SPP tiež zabezpečila prepravnú kapacitu od októbra tohto roka pre prepravu plynu z Talianska.

Priemerná nominálna mesačná mzda v máji 2022 medziročne vzrástla vo všetkých desiatich odvetviach ekonomiky. Najvýraznejšie sa zvýšili mzdy v ubytovaní (o 26,3 % na 936 eur), dvojciferné rástli aj mzdy v stavebníctve (o 11,9 % na 904 eur) a v maloobchode (o 10,7 % na 991 eur). Najpomalšie rástli mzdy v informačných a komunikačných činnostiach, v ktorých sú dlhodobo najvyššie zárobky v SR, a to o 2,7 % na 2333 eur mesačne. V priemysle boli mzdy vyššie o 6,7 %. Pri zohľadnení pretrvávajúceho vysokého rastu spotrebiteľských cien (inflácie) sa reálne mzdy zvýšili len v jednom z 10 sledovaných odvetví, a to v ubytovaní o 12,2 %. Dvojciferný rast sa v tomto odvetví drží od začiatku roka a je reakciou na oživenie cestovného ruchu zdecimovaného pandemiou, pred ktorou boli v tomto odvetví najnižšie zárobky z celej ekonomiky.



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<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.

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- * Choose your username. ...
- * Click "Create my account."
- * Search physicalfitnessboard and click follow

INSTAGRAM

- * Upload the Instagram app on your phone or go to www.instagram.com
- * Click "Sign up" and enter your e-mail
- * Create a username and password
- * Provide basic information about yourself. ...
- * Click "Create my account."
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