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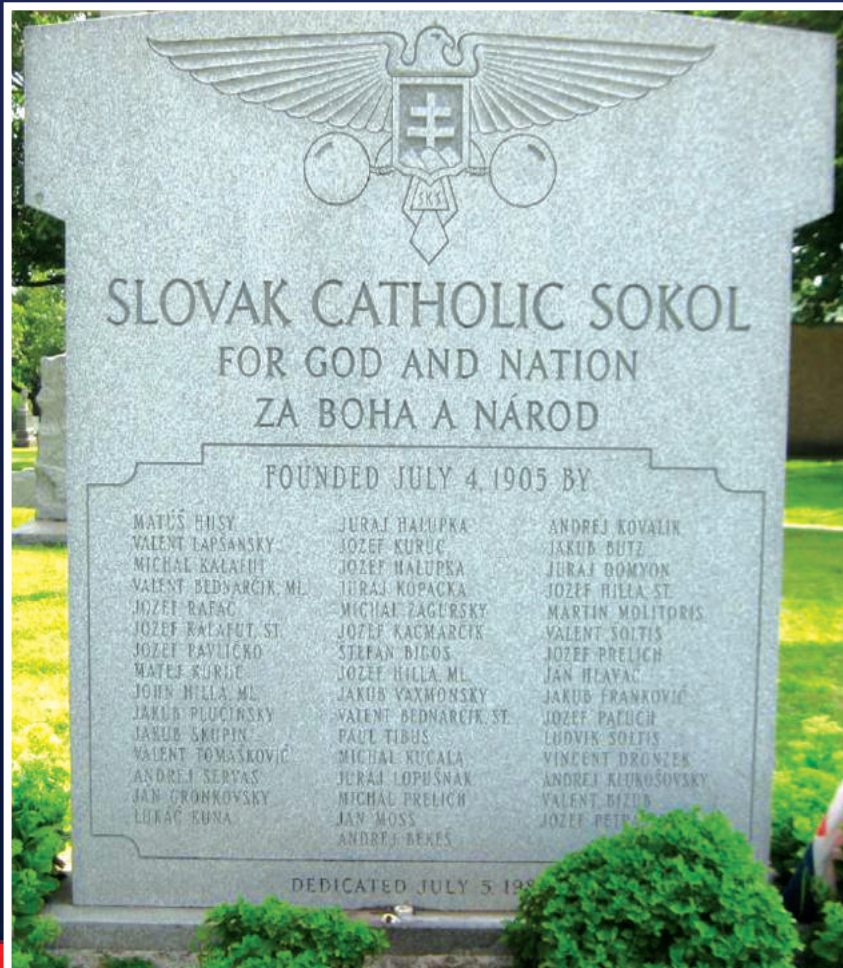
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**THIS YEAR WE
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TO OUR MEMBERS
AND TO THE
SLOVAK-AMERICAN
COMMUNITY**

4TH OF JULY
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Message from our Supreme President Michael J. Horvath



Our Society, the Slovak Catholic Sokol founded on July 4, 1905, by Slovak Immigrants in Passaic, NJ. is celebrating its 118th year as a fraternal benefit society. We can attribute our longevity to the leadership of the Society over the decades and its membership that has supported its purpose for the past century. Take a moment this July 4, 2023, to celebrate and remember all who are no longer with us.

Just as we acknowledge our founding on July 4, 2023, we also we be celebrating the founding of our nation, the United States of America, on July 4, 2023, Independence Day. The United States will be celebrating its 247 birthdays as a free and independent nation.

Each has similarities, both founded by individuals who wanted to create a nation and a society for the benefit of its citizens and members that would provide them a structure of laws and by-laws they could follow and live with to make them better citizens of the nation and members of society. Let us be thankful for the lives we can live, freedom for all and a secure financial future.

July 2023 is finally here; the month all Sokol members have been waiting for since January 2020. Finally, we will be able to celebrate the Slovak Catholic Sokol 50th International Slet, July 13 – 16, 2023, at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board has worked over the last four years planning this historic milestone for our Society and members. To all members who will be coming to the 50th International Slet you are part of history, and the Society thanks you for keeping our tradition and heritage alive. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board needs recognition for the work they did to organize the 50th International Slet for the Society and membership. Thank you very much! See you at the Slet.

In one month the Slovak Catholic Sokol will hold its 34th Quadrennial Convention, August 5-8, 2023, at the Scranton Hilton in Scranton, PA. I ask all delegates to come prepared to help plan the Society's future. All Convention related documents are on the Slovak Catholic Sokol website,

www.slovakcatholicokol.org under the Convention tab. The Convention is held for members to review the officers' four-year reports, listen to our professionals who do our investments, provide guidance to improve the Society to make it financially sound and up to date with national and state insurance regulations. Delegates also approve the changes or amendments to the Society's By-Laws that will improve the Society governance that every Officer swears an oath too that they will follow them and not change, amend, or alter during the next four years. And elect the Officers who will lead Society over the next four years that will fulfill their duties to follow the By-Laws of the Society. Please read the By-Laws to help elect the future officers to improve Society. See you at the Convention.

Summer is officially here; I wish you all a very safe and pleasant summer. Whatever you have planned for vacation, the beach getaway of sun, sand, surf, the cool mountain shade and scenic retreat, the metropolitan experience of walking, sight-seeing, cultural learning here in the United States or international, the cruising on the high seas island hopping, doing day trips of learning, or just relaxing at home; enjoy your time with your family and friends.

Speaking of getaways do not forget to register for the Slovak Catholic Sokol 68th Interactional Golf Tournament August 18-20, 2023, at the Kennsington Golf Club, Canfield, OH and Flying B Golf Course, Salem, OH. Come and enjoy Fraternism with your fellow Sokol and don't worry about your score since I will be there to support all who come to golf.

While we are gathered with family and friends this summer it is important to ask the question are you a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, especially for your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends. When you learn who are not members and are not covered with life insurance it is easy to sign them up. Visit the Sokol website, download an application, fill it out and send it to our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. for processing. If you have any questions a call to the Home Office will give you the answers to fill out the application. Or just give Brother Scott a call and he will help you find the right insurance coverage for you. With god's Blessings to All! Stay Safe and Healthy!

Zdar Boh!

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



This week, we will celebrate the 247th 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. It sounds like a Convention, doesn't it? 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, fifty 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 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 real-

ity. In addition to our Sokol traditions of good sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security for its members. On this year's Fourth of July, we will celebrate the 118th 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 immense pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization's founders 118 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.

In two weeks, our organization will be celebrating the 50th International Slet at Kutztown University in Kutztown, PA! This is truly an amazing feat for our society! This event is our organization's oldest and most revered sports gathering. I hope all our young people show the great sportsmanship that our founders promoted, and I hope all of them have an enjoyable and exciting SLET experience!

In one month, our Delegates will be meeting in Scranton, PA for our 34th Quadrennial Convention. Preparations have been made and we are in the final stretch of planning a wonderful event for our organization. Our delegates should have recently received emails with important Convention materials attached. Please note that all Convention related materials are also on our website, www.slovakcatholicsokol.org, under our Convention Menu.

Until next time, I hope all our members are enjoying a pleasant and relaxing summer and I hope to see many of you at our upcoming events. Have a wonderful July!

Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

Sokol Calendar

JULY 13-16, 2023

50TH SLET at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA SLOVAK DAY at Kennywood Park, West Mifflin, PA. For tickets contact Sue Ondrejco at 234 Ilion Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15207. Checks should be made out to: WPSDA For general information contact Chairwoman Mary Lou Wagner (412) 462-1957.

SUNDAY, JULY 30

91ST ANNUAL SLOVAK AMERICAN DAY at Croatian Park in Milwaukee area starting at 12 noon with a Holy Mass. A cultural presentation featuring the Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers, Tatra Slovak Dancers will begin at 2:30 pm.

AUGUST 5-8, 2023

34TH QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION, Hilton Scranton & Conference Center, Scranton, PA.

AUGUST 18-20, 2023

GOLF TOURNAMENT at Kensington Golf Club, Canfield, OH.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

45TH SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL at Middlesex County Fair Grounds, 655 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick, NJ.

HOME OFFICE CLOSING

In observance of the 4th of July holiday, the Home Office will be closed on Monday, July 3 and Tuesday, July 4.



SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON

PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON will be that of **AUGUST 1, 2023**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **JULY 22, 2023**.

The next SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL NEWSLETTER will be posted on our website on **JULY 15, 2023**.

MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENT JUST AROUND THE CORNER

FINAL SLET PREPARATIONS

BY DUSAN DORICH

SUPREME ASSISTANT PHYSICAL DIRECTOR

WOW what an honor it will be for all of us to take part in the 50th International Slet (100 years anniversary). With few weeks to go to the International Slet and just over a decade we will be returning to the picturesque campus of Kutztown University in Kutztown PA.



Kutztown University is located half way between Allentown and Reading PA.

All the major plans have been finalized and the Physical Fitness board is continuing to work very hard behind the scenes to ensure that this year's Slet will be one of the best. The Supreme Physical Fitness Board will be arriving on Wednesday July 12th, for their meeting and to make sure that all is completed for the arrival of Slet participants.

The participants will arrive on Thursday July 13th. Registrations will take place in the courtyard of Dixon Hall starting at 8 a.m. All participants will stay in Dixon Hall.

This year's Slet once again will end with the departure on Sunday July 16.

Here are just a few helpful hints for making the final preparations necessary for a successful SLET.

Drillers, it is a good idea to practice your drills with your competition partner. Another good idea for drill practice is to do so in front of a mirror, this way you will see exactly what the judges will see on competition day. Commander and Commandress should be spending time reviewing all the drills, including the Mass Drill, with your drillers.

When practicing for track and field events, especially in hot and humid weather don't forget to replenish your body with plenty of fluids. Be sure to give your body the warm up and cool down times it desperately needs to function at its best without sustaining any injury.

Commander and Commandress are reminded to check the rules and regulations book for proper uniform descriptions. Be sure that your Drillers have the uniforms required for competitions. As you know, points are deduction for improper dress.

When packing be sure to include the following:

- a baseball cap or hat
- Adequate sunscreen (SPF 15 OR HIGHER IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED)
- at least one sweatshirt or sweater (in case the evenings are cool)

Linen set will be provided, feel free to bring along an extra pillow if you so desire. Dixon hall is air conditioned so you don't need to bring fans with you.

Please double check that you have all your uniform and sporting needs before closing your suitcase. Do not forget, as the rules and regulation book states, the **ONLY** advertising permitted on any clothing worn during the SLET is the Slovak Catholic Sokol logo.

A special reminder to Group leaders, please inform me of your means of transportation and approximate time of arrival

at Kutztown University. Be sure to allow ample traveling time so that you arrive at Kutztown University with enough time for registration and meeting. dusan.dorich022@sympatico.ca or by phone 416 806 4420.

Reminder to all the group leaders to bring with them and hand them in on registration all medical forms, consent & release forms.

If anyone has any other questions please call or email Katie Swift at katieannswift@gmail.com, 412 303 3338. Marty Deignan Mcoach1986@aol.com or by phone 570 881 2754.

Finally, just one thought to keep in mind; even though the SLET is a competition, we are still a fraternal organization and maintaining the fraternal spirit will make this the most memorable and successful SLET yet!

So let's all work hard and come prepared to the International Slet. Let's make this historical event the greatest show on earth, so people many years from now will talk about it.

Wishing you all a safe trip,

See you in Kutztown!

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2023 50TH INTERNATIONAL SLET SCHEDULE**WEDNESDAY, 7/12**

Board Work Day
(assigned daily responsibilities) Dixon Hall

THURSDAY, 7/13

8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Registration Dixon Hall
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon Director/Directress Meeting
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch South Dining Hall
1:30 p.m. Welcome in Garden Area Dixon Hall
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Load Bus for Dorney Park

FRIDAY, 7/14

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast South Dining Hall
8:15 - 9:30 a.m. Mass and Opening Ceremonies Andre Reed Stadium
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Track and Field
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch South Dining Hall
2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Basketball/Volleyball/ Individual Drills Keystone Hall
5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Dinner South Dining Hall
7:30 p.m. Drill Competition Keystone Hall

SATURDAY, 7/15

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast South Dining Hall
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon Track and Field Finals Andre Reed Stadium
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m. Lunch
1:15 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Exhibition Practice Andre Reed Stadium
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Mass and Closing Ceremonies Andre Reed Stadium
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Gala Celebration Georgian Room

SUNDAY, 7/16

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast South Dining Hall
8:30 a.m. Dismissal Dixon Hall

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Kutztown University campus

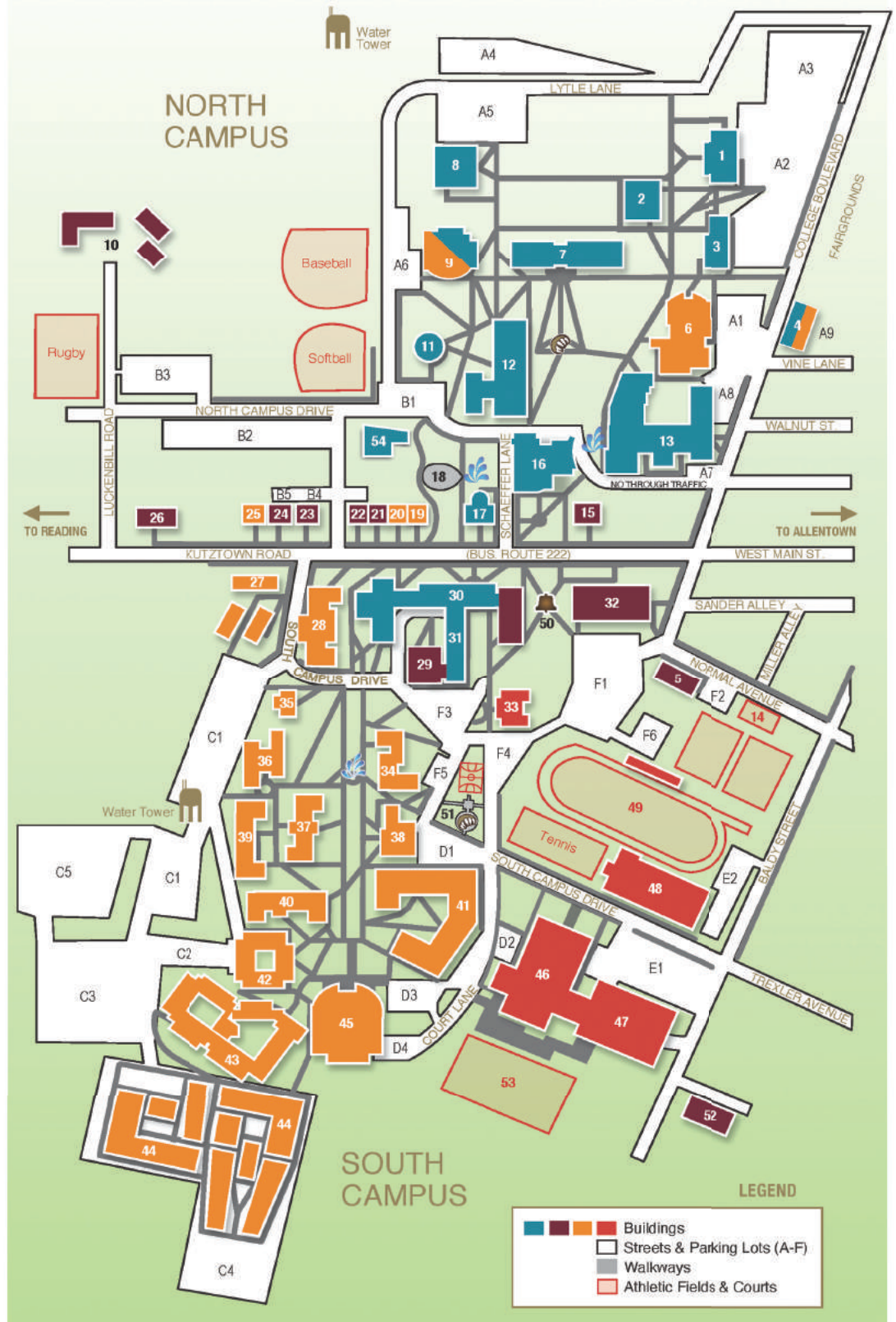
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Beekey Education Center	1
Boehm Science Center	12
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deFrancesco Building	2
DeLight E. Breidegam Building	26
Graduate Center	17
Grim Family Homestead	22
Grim Science Building (Observatory, Planetarium)	11
Honors Hall	4
Human Resources Center	24
Lutheran Center	25
Lytle Hall	8
McFarland Student Union (Campus Store, Cub Café)	6
Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center	10
President's House	15
Rickenbach Research & Learning Center	3
Rohrbach Library	7
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Schaeffer Auditorium	16
Schock Education House	23
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Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdo vic

A PRAYER FOR AMERICA BY JOHN CARROLL, FIRST U.S. BISHOP

Pope Pius VI named John Carroll the first bishop of the United States of America in 1789. His cousin, Charles



Carroll, was one of America's Founding Fathers and the only Catholic to sign the Declaration of Independence.

Bishop John Carroll would go on to become America's first archbishop when the Diocese of Baltimore, Maryland—the mother diocese of the United States—was elevated to the status of archdiocese.

Prayer for Our Government by Archbishop John Carroll (1791)

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in

justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Thank You!

Thank you for the Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B. Memorial High School Grant. I am so happy to have received this grant to put towards furthering my education at Seton La Salle Catholic High School. I am grateful for the generosity of all the people who make this scholarship possible.

Thank you. – Liliana D'Andrea

Dear Slovak Catholic Sokol,

I am honored to have been selected to receive the scholarship to attend a Catholic school. Thank you for your generosity and for supporting my education. I am particularly grateful for this scholarship because my mother, grandmother and great-grandma have all been active members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, and I have been involved in the organization my entire life! I am excited about this opportunity to continue my education and I promise to make the most of it. I look forward to becoming more involved in my school community and contributing to it in any way I can. Thank you again for your generosity and support as I continue my education at Father Gabriel Richard High School in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Sincerely, – Andrew Peterson

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

I would sincerely like to thank all of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Supreme Board of Directors and Scholarship Selection Committee for selecting me for the Emil Slavik memorial Scholarship. Currently enrolled at Guelph-Humber University for my third year of Kinesiology studies. My passion is to continue my education in Sports Medicine and Therapy.

As an active Sokol member, sports have been very important to me even within 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 a 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 honoured scholarship.

Adam Dorich

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 45th 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 20, the 2023 Appeal has received \$22,228.51 from 171 donors. Among the 54 donations received from various Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 23, Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 59, Assembly 71, Assembly 78, Assembly 82, Assembly 108, Assembly 162, Assembly 180, Group 4, Group 9, Group 12, Group 16, Group 17, Group 18, Wreath 14, Wreath 54, Wreath 93 as well as the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$1,955. Donations to date have also been received from 6 parishes, 27 clergy and religious, and 84 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2023 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, 2023 will be credited toward the 2024 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. 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. Reverend Thomas A. Nasta, National Chaplain of the First Catholic Slovak Union and Parochial Vicar with Senior Priest status at Our Lady of Grace Church, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.



45TH ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

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Amount \$ _____

*Please make 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*



Members of St. Ann's Wreath 39, Bridgeport CT gathered together for Join Hands collaboration in Stratford CT. Bob Sheehy, Barbara Sheehy, Larry Wells, Mary Ann Wells, Al Neudeck, Annemarie Neudeck & Darlene Knapik-Musial all gathered to donate their time, energy, tools, supplies, new plants, mulch, fencing and "expertise" in landscaping. A member of the Wreath's home church – Holy Name of Jesus in Stratford CT was chosen for their need of a badly neglected yard when they purchased their home. The Sokol members work included tree cutting, branch & tree limb pruning, years of leaf removal, new flower planting, seed planting, mulch spreading and leaf/yard debris removal. It also included the installation of a metal fence around the circumference of a portion of the yard. The number of garbage bags was not only uncountable but insurmountable and the finished yard was unrecognizable! Everyone enjoyed pizza with endless toppings along with lots of scratches, bug bites, laughter and most importantly fraternalism through the very long exhausting but rewarding day. It was a realization of how the hands of many helping one can result in a gift that is indescribable & unwrapable but appreciated for a lifetime. Well done Wreath 39 members.

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Respectfully submitted on behalf of Wreath 39,
Darlene Knapik-Musial



77TH ANNUAL SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

MAY 19TH – 20TH, 2023 AT THE AMF AIRPORT LANES, BUFFALO, NY

IMPRESSED. That is the one word I would use to describe the weekend of May 19-20. On Friday May 19th, 2023, I traveled 2 hours from Toronto, Canada to Cheektowaga, New York, which is a suburb of Buffalo, to attend the 77th Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament. The combined Bowling Tournament included bowlers from the Greek Catholic Union (GCU), First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU), and National Slovak Society (NSS).



I first arrived and checked into the Buffalo Airport Hotel which hosted all our bowlers for the tournament on Friday evening. I then proceeded 1.7 miles down the road to AMF Airport Lanes where the tournament was being held, arriving at 5:00 p.m. to help with checking in all of the bowlers for the Team Event, and it was nice to see so many familiar faces again. The evening began with hospitality that included chicken tenders, baked ziti, pizza, and salad. At 6:30 p.m. Slovak Catholic Sokols' Supreme Director of Sport and Athletics, James Matlon welcomed all of the bowlers and the American, Canadian, and Slovak national anthems were played, and then bowling commenced. Brother James Matlon, Basil Wahal, Fraternal Communications Director from the GCU, Joanne Fibbi, Fraternal Activities Director for the FCSU, and Pamela Blum, Fraternal Activities Coordinator, for the NSS helped the bowlers with the lane assignments for all the teams. A total of 25 teams participated from all four organizations, and this was my first experience witnessing a bowling tournament. The intensity, focus, and skill of the participants impressed me. I have bowled for fun but have never reached a score close to 100, so seeing teams achieving scores in the 1000s was impressive to me.

Friday night team tournament winners include: Female Division Scratch, first place from the SCS & GCU-Team 2+2 Barberton Bowlers: Karen Bakita, Carol Macko, Diana Brashear, and Jean Karaffa with a total score of 1914. Second place Scratch Team 412 members from the GCU: Patricia Niskach, Patricia Kutzfara, Barbara Wahal, and Melanie Basl with a combined score of 1811. Way to go, ladies!

Women's Team Handicap Results: first place was Lady Canucks from FCSU, Nicole Zoldak, Ruzena Kapitán, Christine Tokarasky and Anne Mitro, with a score of 2330. Second place is awarded to SCS & GCU team 2+2 Barberton with a score of 2325. Third place goes to GCU 412 Team with a total score of 2234.

The Men's Team Division Scratch First Place Winners from GCU-The Place To Be: John Adamcik, Ryan Labanik, Jeff Siesky, and Mark Cherpak with a score of 2588. Second place winners from SCS-Lilly #1: Francis Risko, Edward Wilk III, Gary Risko, and Brian Risko, with a score of 2342.

Men's Team Handicap Results include: First place



Clarence Checkton, the winner of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award Kathleen Smolkowicz, Albert Pogorelec, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Jim Matlon.



Marty Degnan, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Frank Lipski, Tony Rosimas

winners from GCU- The Place To Be with a score of 2936. Second place was awarded to Assembly 59- Wilkes Barre, PA from the SCS, team members consisting of: Marty Degnan, Michael Horvath, Frank Lipski, and Tony Rasimas with a score of 2884. Finally in third place from SCS team Assembly 162- Clifton, NJ, team members: Al Pogorelec, Frank Pavlica, Steve Pogorelec, and John Termyna with a score of 2826.

Great team work by everyone! The encouragement and positive attitude was prominently present that evening. On Saturday morning, bowlers returned to the AMF Airport Lanes for the Doubles and Singles competition. Everyone arrived with coffee in hand and a game face ready for the final six tournament games.

Scratch Women's Doubles winners include Karen Bakita and Carol Macko from SCS with a first place score

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Albert Pogorelec, Frank Pavlica, Steve Pogorelec, John Termyna



Joann Antosy, Deborah Unger, Patricia Latshaw, Kathleen Smolkowicz



Don Macko, Chris Macko, Robert Macko, Dan Dawson



Steve Luczki, Rudy Holloman, Garry Rabatin, Alan Novotney



Dave Matty, Clarence Checkton, Ron Johnson, Jr., Bernard Seruga



Francis Risko, Edward Wilk III, Gary Risko, Brian Risko



Heather Horvath, Kelly Palchanis, Anna Mae Nasta, Nicole Nasta



Jeremmy Francis, Justin Francis, David Iskra, Jr., Dave Iskra, Sr.

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of 1036, while Patricia Kutzfara and Barbara Wahal from GCU took second with a score of 1031.

In the Women's Handicapped Doubles Division, the SCS dynamic duo of Karen Bakita and Carol Macko are back again to win Women's Handicap; the two bowled a combined score of 1264. The second-place team from the FCSU, Rozena Kapitan and Ann Mitro bowled a 1262 combined handicap score. Third place goes to Heather Horvath and Kelly Palchanis, from the SCS who bowled a score of 1227. Amazing job by all!

The Men's Double Division Scratch winners include: first place from the FCSU, John Grottenthaler and Tom Silay for a total of 1221 pins; second place goes to Luis Palos and Jerry Hromada also from the FCSU, with a combined score of 1205; and third place winners from the SCS, Frank Lipski and Tony Rasimas with a score of 1199.

In the Men's Double Division with Handicap, Dave Matty and Clarence Checton, from the SCS claimed first place with a score of 1467. Second place ended in a tie with duos John Grottenthaler and Tom Silay, from the FCSU as well as Marc Kudlacik and Robert Mosloskie from the SCS both obtaining a score of 1446. In the Mixed Doubles Division, Rick and Carol Ungvarsky finished in first place with a score of 1368.

Most bowlers played straight through lunch to get an early finish on the day, while some chose to socialize and take a break between the double and singles event. All the bowlers continued to amaze me with the skill and talent they had. I still cannot figure out how they all got the bowling balls to curve down the lane and strike the pins; I, for sure, would have gotten a gutter ball.

In the Women's Singles Scratch Division, Jean Karaffa from the GCU, placed first with a 5-pin difference over Nicole Zoldak, from the FCSU with scores of 534 and 529 respectively. Third place award goes to Melanie Basl, from the GCU with a score of 528, which was a 1-pin difference between second and third! Women's Handicap Singles Division resulted in Anne Mitro, from the FCSU, taking first place with a score of 656, Nicole Zoldak in second with a score of 655, just one pin behind! And finally, Christine Tokarsky, from the FCSU, placed third with a total score of 630.

In the Men's Singles Scratch Division, scores yielded the following winners: Jerry Hromada, from the FCSU, with a scratch of 679, second place goes to John Niskach, from the GCU, with a score of 671, and third place went to Cory Shedlock from the SCS, with a score of 655. In the Men's Handicap Division, winners include: John Tokarsky from the FCSU, first place with a score of 827, second place winner – John Niskach, from the GCU with a score of 773, and third place winner with a score of 767 was David Iskra Jr., from the SCS.

In the Women's Division for All-Events with Handicap, Ruzena Kapitan from the FCSU is awarded first place with a total score of 1888. Second place goes to Anne Mitro, from the FCSU, with a total score of 1879. Third place recognition goes to Patricia Kutzfara from the GCU, with a total score of 1876. The Men's division for All-Events with handicap resulted in SCS President Michael Horvath placing first with a score of 2293, Dave Matty from the SCS placing second with a score of 2253, and Tony Rasimas from the SCS placing third with a score of 2220.

In the Women's Division Scratch All-Events, Jean Karaffa from the GCU was awarded first place a total score of 1572. Second place went to Patricia Kutzfara from the GCU with a total score of 1570. Third place recognition went to Melanie Basl from the GCU with a total score of 1531. The Men's division for Scratch All-Events: Greg Grys from the FCSU placed first with a score of 1923, John Adamcik from the GCU placed second with a score of 1920, and Tony Rasimas from the SCS placed third with a score of 1914.

Congratulations to all the winners, and thank you to all the participants for coming out and participating in this event. Everyone seemed to be having a lot of fun, and it was great catching up with friends we don't usually see.

After the bowlers finished their singles on Saturday afternoon, most bowlers returned to the hotel to change and relax before the 4 p.m. Mass. Fr. Tom Nasta of the FCSU celebrated mass at the Buffalo Airport Hotel prior to the banquet. The banquet began at 6 p.m. with a sit-down meal provided to the bowlers and their guests. Fr. Nasta offered grace before the meal, and then dinner was served. Dinner was a buffet of choices that included salmon, chicken, pork, salad, pasta, vegetables, bread, and butter. An open bar was also provided. Dessert followed with tea, coffee, brownies, and cookies. SCS Supreme Director of Sport and Athletics, James Matlon, welcomed everyone to the banquet and introduced all the Supreme Officers present in all the organizations that participated as well as the member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol that were in attendance. This included Supreme President Michael Horvath, Honorary Officer Steve Pogorelec Sr., Supreme Director Marty Degnan, Assistant Director of Sports and Athletics Frank Laury, and Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member Kristen Popik.

The final event of the evening was the announcement of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. Slovak Catholic Sokol President Michael Horvath came up to podium to announce this award. The award is presented each year to a member of our organization who is not only dedicated to the organization but also been very active at the Assembly, Group, and National levels promoting and participating in the International Bowling Tournaments. Congratulations to Kathleen Smolkowicz on this amazing honor!

The rest of the evening was spent socializing among fellow member of the four fraternal societies. Some bowlers chose to turn in early and head home while others stayed the night and traveled in the morning. Overall, the weekend was a success and it was an incredible event to experience. Here is to an even larger turn out next year!

Zdar Boh!

Kristen Popik

Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SUPREME SECRETARY AS OF 03/31/23

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

ASSETS	2023	INCOME	2023
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,055,443	Investment Income	\$ 994,839
Investments - Bonds & Bills	87,724,579	Amortization of IMR	16,395
Investments - Stocks	6,569,466	Dividends on Stocks	70,345
First Mortgage Loans	558,579	Interest on Mortgages	7,457
Loans on Certificates	317,747	Interest on Certificate Loans	66
Accrued Interest Receivable	856,034	Sale of Cookbooks	78
Sokol Building/Land	329,005	Rent Received - Sokol Building	28,887
Accounts Receivable	39,649	Life Premium Income	461,442
Due From Groups	-	Annuity Income	996,600
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 97,450,502	Scholarship Income	-
		Miscellaneous Income	(9,148)
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	2023	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,566,961
Life Reserves	\$ 80,209,360		
Asset Valuation Reserve	874,027	EXPENSES	2023
Interest Maintenance Reserve	363,698	Death Benefit Claims Paid	439,707
Reserve for Supplemental Contracts	2,928,135	Interest Expense	25,062
Reserve Emp. Retirement Plan	4,997,780	Fraternal Expenses	100,170
Reserve for Convention	185,000	General Expenses	233,730
Claims Payable	256,701	Employee Retirement Expenses	102,070
Conversion - Canadian Currency	4,765	Commissions	71,207
Accounts Payable	42,220	Annuity Benefits	3,445,520
Sokol Secure Fund	1,368,436	Taxes & Fees	8,250
Mary Jane Rich Scholarship Fund	85,000	Reserve Increase	(1,980,000)
Emil Slavik Scholarship Fund	100,000	Cash Surrenders	73,350
Dr's Lesko Medical Scholarship Fund	20,000		
Yencha Memorial Scholarship	20,700	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 2,519,066
Krista L Glugosh Memorial Scholarship Fund	24,000		
Dividend Payable	50,000	TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	\$ 47,895
Advance Premiums	28,492		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 91,558,314		
Undistributed Funds - Sokol	\$ 5,892,188		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS	\$ 97,450,502		

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

MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 3 “REV. EDMUND MOCHAK”

Group 3, Rev. Edmund Mochak, held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, May 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the Sokol Hall, Douglas, Massachusetts.

After everyone enjoyed coffee and donuts, the meeting was called to order by Group 3 President Kevin Conway at 10:20 a.m. Brother Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer. Brother Joe Brody led us all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Group 3 Secretary, Christine Manyak took roll call, there were 7 members present representing Assembly 28.

Welcoming Address:

Brother Kevin welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance on this beautiful Sunday morning.

Considering our empty Treasurer's position, Brother Kevin asked for a motion to appoint Julie Gresian as Treasurer. The motion was made by Brother Gary Manyak, seconded by Brother Joe Brody. **ACCEPTED!**

Brother Kevin thanked Sister Julie for agreeing to step into the Treasurer's position for the remainder of the term after Brother Ralph Quinn stepped down last November.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the Annual meeting on Sunday, November 6, 2022, were reviewed by Secretary Christine Manyak. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Judy Manyak, 2nd by Joe Brody. **ACCEPTED!**

Treasurer's report:

Brother Kevin presented the year-end report for 2022 in the absence of a newly appointed treasurer. No new business or expenses have been recorded. After discussion the report was accepted on a motion by Gary Manyak, 2nd by Judy Manyak. Sister Julie was presented with all past reports and books required for her new position.

Old Business:

*Brother Kevin Congratulated Sister Judy on her distinguished honor of being chosen as the 2022 Fraternalist of the Year. A wonderful, fun filled evening was held on 4/15/23 in her honor. Our Supreme Secretary, Scott Pogorelec and Supreme President, Michael Horvath were in attendance to present the award. In addition to family and Supreme Physical Directress Katie Swift and Kathy Shoberg Watkins from Group 14 who came to surprise their dear friend.

*Assembly 28 held a golumpki sale in December. Advanced orders were taken for 350 golumpki's and were sold from as far away as Connecticut.

New Business:

Treasurer: In light of Sister Julie replacing Brother Ralph as Treasurer the checking account will need to be changed. A motion to replace Ralph Quinn's name with Julie Gresian on the Checking Account was made by Sister Chris, 2nd by Sister Judy, accepted!

2023 Scholarships: Applications were sent to 4 eligible members for the Group 3 Scholarship. This is available for graduating high school seniors who are active members. The committee will meet to select the recipients and the scholarship will be sent out after successful completion of their first semester of college.

2023 International Slet: This year the organization is celebrating the 50th International Slet from 7/12-16/23 at Kutztown University. Unfortunately, we do not have a team to send as Covid has wreaked havoc on our group's participation. However, we will still be represented by our Supreme

Honorary Officer Roger Manyak, Physical Directress Judy Manyak, Physical Director Gary Manyak and board member Maria Manyak who will be there to assist in running the Slet.

34th Quadrennial Convention; will be held in Scranton, PA from 8/5-8/23. We have 9 delegates that have been selected and approved to attend.

Sokol Open: the 2023 Sokol Open will be held on 9/9/23 at Blissful Meadows. Brother John Manyak will again be chair of this event. This continues to be the Groups biggest fundraising event.

Discussion:

Brother Joe asked that recipes posted in the Falcon be in English as well as Slovak for those who do not read Slovak. We will bring this up as a recommendation at the Convention.

Brother Gary requested that the Group Sponsor a Hole at the Nashoba Regional High School Golf Tournament that he is running in June as a fund raiser for the Nashoba Athletics Basketball Club. Brother Kevin will bring this up with the Assembly rather than the group.

Brother Kevin congratulated Gary on a successful 1st season. In his first season as Head Coach of the Nashoba Regional High School Varsity Boys Basketball team he took them all the way to the Final Four!


Brother Joe Brody thanked Roger for the invitation to be a delegate to the 34th Quadrennial Convention unfortunately due to health reasons he is unable to attend.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Joe Brody, 2nd by Judy Manyak and accepted.


Brother Kevin Conway recited the closing prayer. Sulhas.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Manyak, Group 3 Secretary

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL
Home Stores Products



Port & Company 5.4-oz 100% Cotton T-Shirt
\$12.75



Port Authority Ultra-Core Cinch Pack
\$9.25

50th International Slet Commemorative T-shirts and Swag Bags are in. Orders received before June 21st will be shipped in time for the Slet. Go to our webpage- [News- Sokol Apparel](#) and order yours today!! Slet Participants don't need to order!

MINUTES OF THE SEMI- ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 5

The 2023 semi- annual meeting of Group 5 "Jan Holly" was held on Sunday April 23, 2023, prior to the group bowling tournament at Riviera Lanes in Fairlawn Ohio. The meeting was called to order at 11:18 a.m. by President, Kathy Figard. Treasurer Karen Hutnick led the group in an opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Marty Zemanek.

Opening remarks were made by Kathy Figard welcoming everyone to the group meeting.

The roll call of officers was taken by Secretary Sue Blosser. A total of 12 officers were present including President Kathy Figard, Vice President Marty Zemanek, Secretary Sue Blosser, Treasurer Karen Hutnick, Sports Director Joe Underation, Assistant Sports Director Helen Zemanek, Physical Director Daniel Underation, Assistant Physical Director David Underation, Physical Directress Jayme Blosser, Physical Fitness Board Members Julie Laury, Rose Croy, and Logan Laury. Six members in attendance as delegates included: Frank Laury, Joe Moynihan, Mary Hornacek, John Hornacek, Celeste Oprean, and John Underation. A total of 18 Group 5 members were in attendance.

Old Business:

Fund raising for the upcoming Slet has started. The lottery calendars are being sold for \$10 apiece. The drawing begins June 1st and ends July 31st. The winning numbers are based on the Ohio 3-digit lottery. For more information or to buy tickets contact Rose Croy. Sue Blosser will post the lottery on Facebook to help get the word out.

The 2023 Slet was the next order of business. Jayme Blosser has held 2 practices and has not gotten a full response from all the girls that are interested in going but will be continuing to work on it. Daniel Underation has drill practice every Sunday and commented on not getting a good/full response as to who will be competing. Both the girls' and boys' next practice will be held on May 20th.

The girls drill uniforms have been discontinued so all participating groups will be borrowing from each other.

Transportation to the Slet was discussed and until the actual number of participants is determined it is unclear what will be needed, most likely a van will be the transportation of choice. Daniel Underation will get the transportation needed.

A half page ad for the souvenir book has been placed from Group 5 and it was encouraged for assemblies and wreaths to do the same.

The Group 5 elimination track meet will be held on May 7th at Norton Track at 11a.m. Sue Blosser will advertise the event on Facebook.

The Group 5 Golf tournament was discussed, Joe Underation stated that with the many golf tournaments within the group, the event will have to be scheduled later in the Fall. It was suggested to have the group golf in conjunction with the Central District Golf. A discussion was had, and no consensus was reached.

The next agenda item was the convention. There will be a meeting in June with all delegates to talk about issues and see if any group 5 members are running for office.

The group decided to purchase new shirts for the convention for the group picture, Kathy Figard will pick the color of her choice.

Join hands day is May 6th and it was encouraged to get the wreath and assemblies to combine the event with a charity

of their choice, or volunteer with some other organization. Try to include all ages in your event. Please take pictures and post them on the SCS Facebook page or send them to the home office to be printed in Falcon.

Jim Knis sent a message to the group that donation requests are discussed on a quarterly basis by the Home Office, so you don't have to wait until the convention to send them. They can be sent at any time to Scott Pogorelec and Jim Knis.

New business:

Karen Hutnick stated that a thank you letter was received from the scholarship committee for the donation in the name of Dolly Hussar.

John Underation stated that Jim Jerek has scheduled the Central District Golf tournament in Youngstown for the last Saturday in September 2023.

Celeste Oprean stated she has toured the National Czech and Slovak Museum in Iowa and was very impressed with the memorabilia they have. They also have a traveling exhibit that would be a great display for the 50th anniversary of the Slet. It will bring the history of Sokol to the Slet. Anyone can also donate to the museum any past Slet merchandise. Send donations to tbender@ncsml.org or call Tricia Bendek, manager of the travelling exhibit, at 319-362-8500 x 20.

A motion was made by Rose Croy to purchase shirts for the Slet participants, seconded by Jayme Blosser. All in agreement, motion carried.

With no further business the group meeting ended with a prayer by Karen Hutnick. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Helen Zemanek, seconded by Julie Laury at 12:05.p.m.

Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Blosser

Group 5 Secretary



The WPSCA meeting was held on Thursday, June 1 at the Willam Penn Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. Special guests from Slovakia were minister of education, Michal Fedik (left) and Slovak Ambassador to the United States Radovan Javorcik (right) with our Supreme Vice-President, Ed Moeller. Minister Fedik and Ambassador Javor were in town visiting local Universities and touring various Pittsburgh sites. The WPSCA held a welcome reception for them before they moved onto Washington, DC.

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____/____/____

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION Assembly/Wreath_____ Email_____

Name_____ Phone____-____-____

Interest:

☐ Life Insurance

☐ Annuity



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



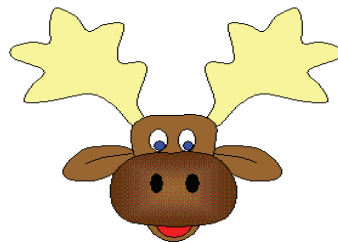
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Independence Day is a United States of America national day celebrated every year on the 4th of July.

It marks the occasion on which the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.

The document declared that the United States of America was an independent country no longer under the rule of Great Britain.

WHAT DO PEOPLE DO TO CELEBRATE?

There are lots of ways that people celebrate. The most popular is to have a cookout with friends and then view fireworks.

The day is a day of national pride and patriotic displays: this includes flying the USA flag and wearing red, white and blue.

Other ways to celebrate include parades, basketball games, concerts, and picnics.

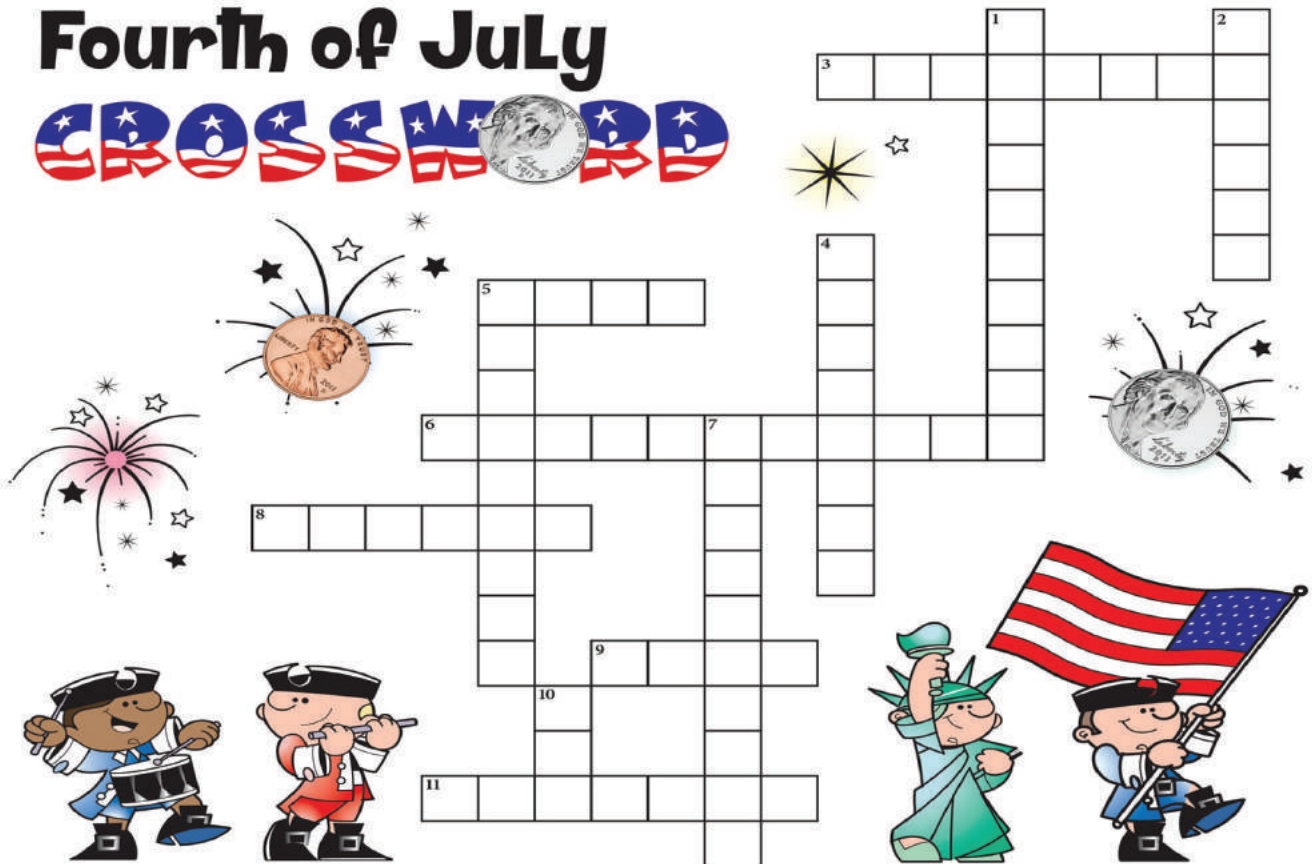
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Fourth of July

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

3. Fill in this famous quote common among Patriots: "No _____ without representation!"
5. The Star-Spangled Banner was written about the American _____.
6. The _____ of Independence begins with "We the people."
8. British tea was dumped into the harbor during the _____ Tea Party.
9. The colors of the United States are red, white and _____.
11. _____ is the power or right to act, speak, or think how you want.

DOWN

1. This general went on to become our first president.
2. The National _____ is sung before many sports events.
4. There were _____ states in 1776.
5. These things light up the sky on the Fourth of July.
7. During the American _____, the colonies wanted to separate from Great Britain.
10. A _____ dollar bill has George Washington on it.

ANSWERS: 1. Washington 2. Anthem 3. taxation 4. thirteen 5. flag 6. Declaration 7. Revolution 8. Boston 9. blue 10. one 11. freedom



Happy Independence Day





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" - - July 2023

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

If you love to read.....this is just the program for you. From June 16th-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 10th**. 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



Non-Readers

- Level 1 16 books
- Level 2 24 books
- Level 3 32 or more books

Early Readers (sounding out most words)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 16 books
- Level 3 24 or more books



Intermediate Readers

(40+ pages each)

- Level 1 8 books
- Level 2 12 books
- Level 3 16 or more books

Advanced Readers (100+ pages each)

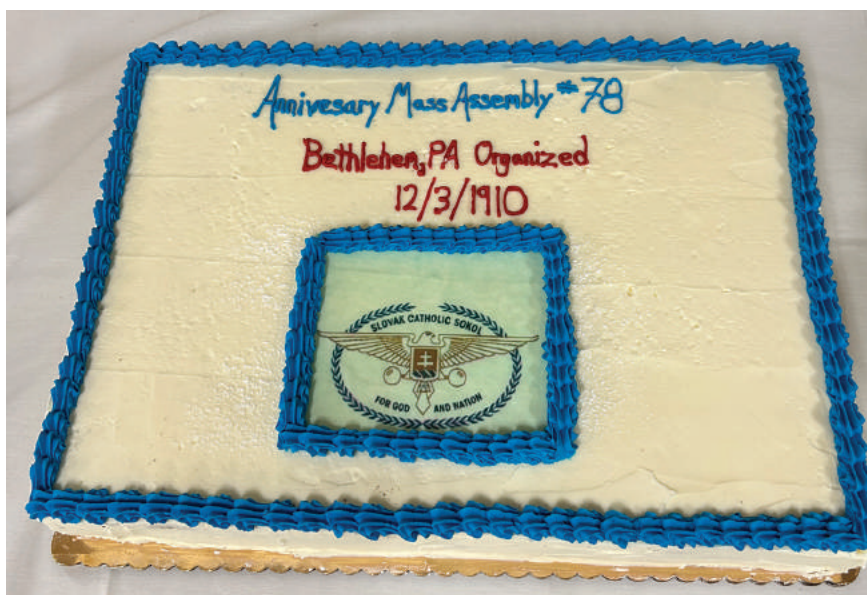
- Level 1 4 books
- Level 2 8 books
- Level 3 12 or more books

ASSEMBLY 78, BETHLEHEM, PA SPONSORED SUMMER PORK & SAUERKRAUT CELEBRATION

Over 80 friends, parishioners and members of Assembly 78 enjoyed a delicious Pork & Sauerkraut Celebration Dinner at Incarnation of our Lord Church in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, June 4, 2023. Mass was held by Fr. Joseph Becker and Fr. George Hassler, followed by a delicious dinner sponsored by Assembly 78, and provided by DeSales University Sodexo Caterers. Save the date for next year's celebration on Sunday, June 2, 2024!



President of Assembly 78 Frank Blanar



OBITUARIES

EDITH M. BABIK**March 1931 – May 2023**

Edith M. Babik, 92, passed away Monday, May 22, 2023, with her family by her side.



Edith was born March 11, 1931 in Youngstown, OH, the daughter of Alfred Costello and Maryann DeMatteo. She was a 1949 graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School and a lifelong Youngstown resident.

She worked for many years as a teacher's aide with special needs students at Paul C. Bunn School. Later, Edith went to work for P&S Bakery.

She was a member of Christ Our Savior Parish at St. Nicholas Church in Struthers, OH, where she belonged to the Altar and Rosary Society.

Edith was president of Wreath 54 in Youngstown, OH for the past 20 years. In addition, she has served in various capacities in Group 17, "Rev. Francis Skuttil." She was a Member of the Physical Fitness Board of Group 17. As an active Sokol member, Edith participated in numerous events including international bowling and golf tournaments. In 2004, she was selected as the recipient of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award at the 49th International Golf Tournament held at Treasure Lake in DuBois, PA. She organized countless local children's Christmas parties and picnics. She was also awarded the 2018 Fraternalist of the Year.

She co-founded the PYBS Golf League, where she golfed for 30 years and she enjoyed playing in the Bocce League at Crickets. Edith loved cooking, going to Florida in the winters, playing cards and being in the Garden Club with her friends and neighbors. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her family and watching her great-grandson play baseball.

Edith's husband, William B. Babik, whom she married September 25, 1954, died September 17, 2013.

Edith will be deeply missed and always remembered by her daughters, Judy Babik of Youngstown, OH, Susan Babik, and Nancy Kropolinsky, of Youngstown, OH; her great-granddaughter, Lindsey Trimble (Ronnie); great-grandson, R.J. Trimble; and many cousins; nieces; and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two brothers, Emil and Ernie Costello, and her sister, Elvy Margiotta.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, May 26, 2023 at Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Matthias Catholic Church in Youngstown, OH. She was entombed next to her husband at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown.

WILLIAM GEMOLL**July 2, 1955 – June 1, 2023**

William "Bill" R. Gemoll, age 67 of Montello (Lake Puckaway), WI, passed away peacefully with his wife by his side at home on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

He was born on July 2, 1955 the son of Ralph and Florence (Ly-skowski) Gemoll in Wind Lake, WI. He graduated from Muskego High School in 1973 and married Caroline Evica at St. Helen's Catholic Church in Milwaukee on April 24, 1994. They worked and lived in the Milwaukee area until relocating to rural Montello in 2004.

Bill was an avid hunter and loved to fish, enjoying the outdoors whenever he got the chance. He liked to cook and was always ready to lend a helping hand to friends and family. He would often cut wood for neighbors, friends and weekend campers.

Bill had many occupations: he worked for Delta Airlines, Milwaukee Bulk Terminal, Brakebush Bros, Wilson Hurd Printing and also butchered for Piggly Wiggly part time. He served the community of Wind Lake as a volunteer fireman and the City of Milwaukee as an EMT.

During his downtime, Bill and his wife Caroline would spend time bowling in local leagues. Bill was an active member of St. John the Baptist Church in Montello, serving as an officer and always helped with the well-known fish fry's and soup n' sandwich dinners.

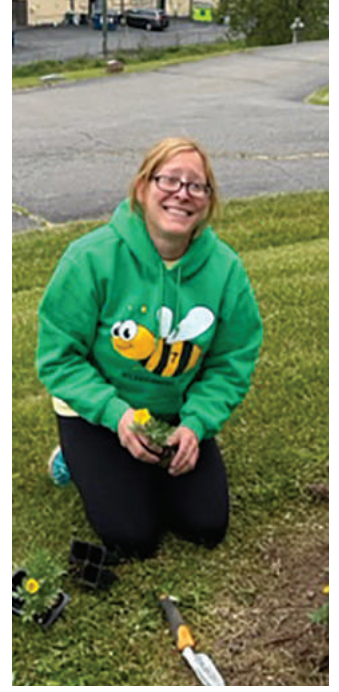
He was an active member of Group 4 and Wreath 93.

Bill is survived by his wife of 30 years, Caroline, three daughters: Kayla (Travis) Antoniewicz, Kristina Gemoll and Rachael Kaster and five very special grandchildren: Travis Fluker, Amaya Fluker, Aleisha Fluker, Madelyn Antoniewicz and Harvey Kalawa. He is also survived by brothers-in-law: Vince (Sandy) Evica, Mark Evica, Frank (Dawn) Evica, Tim (Jenny) Evica and George Schmid as well as sisters-in-law: Annmarie Evica, Patricia (Dave) Osterbrink and Patty Gemoll. Bill is further survived by many other extended family members.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, in-laws, Frank and Sylvia (Mommaerts) Evica, siblings: Thomas Gemoll, Harry (Carla) Machajewski, Kathy Schmid, Fred (Mary) Machajewski and Bobby Machajewski.

A Mass of Christian Burial for William Gemoll was held on Friday, June 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Montello, WI. Burial was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Milwaukee, WI.





Group 7 – “Rev. Josef Murgas” members joined hands at Sacred Heart cemetery in Dallas, PA to cleanup and plant flowers at the grave sites of Rev. Josef Murgas and Rev. Michael Bernat.

IN MEMORIAM

MAY 2023

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 9	Lawrence Spodnick, Nichols, CT	95	April 24, 2023
Assembly 9	Albert Rusinak, Hyannis, MA	92	April 29, 2023
Assembly 11	Daniel M. Casey, Naperville, IL	87	April 30, 2023
Assembly 16	John Michael Scherbick, Ft. Meyers, FL	87	May 25, 2023
Assembly 25	Vincent M. Komacko, Sr., Redstone, PA	81	April 11, 2023
Assembly 25	Dennis R. Simboli, Donora, PA	74	May 10, 2023
Assembly 36	Rita L. Ciurla, Warren, MI	86	May 5, 2023
Assembly 78	Veronica Wesolowski, Nashua, NH	97	April 21, 2023
Assembly 79	Pat Lipps, Northern Cambria, PA	73	February 24, 2023
Assembly 82	Anna Mesaros, Johnstown, PA	97	April 30, 2023
Assembly 86	Joseph Ronald Para Sr., Pittston, PA	82	April 11, 2023
Assembly 162	Robert Bobal, Clifton, NJ	53	April 11, 2023
Assembly 163	Paul K. Beresh, Donora, PA	73	March 19, 2023
Assembly 167	Linda McElroy-Place, Wapakoneta, OH	80	April 23, 2023
Assembly 185	Anna Katsaris, Endicott, NY	95	March 13, 2023
Assembly 188	Michael Vitek, St. Louis, MO	63	May 28, 2023
Assembly 312	Sister Irene Mraz, Mt. St. Joseph, OH	89	April 30, 2023
Wreath 2	Anna Bartos, Montclair, NJ	95	August 24, 2022
Wreath 11	Martin E. Piseczny, Johnstown, NY	85	May 23, 2023
Wreath 15	Joan Marie Kozel, Uniontown, PA	76	May 9, 2023
Wreath 15	Jennie Roberts, Belle Vernon, PA	85	May 12, 2023
Wreath 29	Marianne Schuster, Masury, OH	96	November 12, 2022
Wreath 54	Theresa A. Boring, Warren, OH	87	April 22, 2023
Wreath 54	Elizabeth Thomas, Youngstown, OH	91	April 22, 2023
Wreath 85	Charlene Gorney, Cranberry Twp., PA	62	March 10, 2023
Wreath 93	Ann Benoit, Kenosha, WI	101	May 21, 2023

HRNČEKOVÁ BUBLANINA S JAHODAMI

1 hrnček cukor kryštálový
1 bal. cukor vanilkový
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1/2 hrnček olej
2 hrnčky múka polohrubá
1 bal. prášok do pečiva
jahody



Vyšľaháme vajička s kryštálovým a vanilkovým cukrom. Postupne pridáme mlieko, olej, múku a prášok do pečiva. Všetko dobre premiešame. Cesto vylejeme na vymastený a múkou vysypaný plech, môj mal 23x23 cm. Na vrch rozložíme jahody, menšie dáme celé a väčšie môžeme prepoliť. Upečieme vo vyhriatej rúre pri 180 stupňoch 25 minút. Hotovú bublaninu posypeme práškovým cukrom.

ŠALÁT Z GRILOVANEJ PAPRIKY A BAKLAŽÁNU

3-4 červené papriky (kápie)
1 baklažán
hrst petržlenovej vňate
5-6 ks sušených paradajok
olivový olej
sol', čierne korenie
šťava z 1/2 citróna



Červenú papriku pripravíme tak, že ju v celku opečieme z každej strany. Môžeme ju opieť na grile alebo v rúre. Necháme ju poriadne upieť, až na niektorých miestach sčerná. Ešte horúce papriky vložíme na chvíľu do sáčka, potom olúpeme z papriky kožu a nakrájame ich na tenké plátky. Medzitým si nakrájame baklažán na plátky a grilujeme z oboch strán. Alebo ho môžeme opieť v rúre pár minút z každej strany dohned. V mise zmiešame plátky baklažánu, nakrájanú papriku, sušené paradajky, nasekanú petržlenovú vňať, dochutíme soľou, korením, citrónovou šťavou a prelejeme olivovým olejom. Šalát môžeme podávať hneď, alebo nechať v chladničke odstáť. Podávame ku grilovanému mäsu.

ŠALÁT S BULGUROM (TABBOULEH)

100 g bulgur
100 ml citrónová šťava
10 ks lístky mäty
4 hrste petržlenová vňať
0.5 ks čerbená cibuľa
2 ks jarná cibuľka
2 ks stredne veľké paradajky
50 ml olivový olej
sol', mleté čierne korenie



Bulgur uvaríme v osolenej vode do mäčka, scedíme. Z citróna vytlačíme asi deci čerstvej šťavy a polovicu z nej premiešame s bulgurom. Necháme postáť a vychladiť. Medzitým si nasekáme petržlenovú vňať (aj s mladými stonkami) a lístky mäty nadrobno. Nadrobno nakrájame aj cibuľu a jarnú cibuľku zas na tenké kolieska. Paradajky pokrájame na maličké kúsky. Vo väčšej miske premiešame bylinky, cibule, paradajky a vychladený bulgur. Pridáme olej, zvyšok citrónovej šťavy, soľ a korenie podľa chuti a opäť premiešame. Šalát necháme postáť asi hodinu.

Z. ČAPUTOVÁ NEBUDE OPĽATOVNE KANDIDOVAŤ ZA PREZIDENTKU

Prezidentka Zuzana Čaputová nebude opäťovne kandidovať v budúcoročných voľbách na post hlavy štátu. Informovala o tom 20. júna v Prezidentskom paláci.

Vysvetlila, že sil na ďalší mandát by nebolo dost. Svoje rozhodnutie podľa vlastných slov poctivo zvažovala a dôvody preň sú silné.



Prezidentka bude svoju prácu naďalej robiť s ľudskosťou a empatiou, pretože je to práca pre ľudí. Počas uplynulých štyroch rokov sa podľa Čaputovej podarilo veľa dobrého.

Väčšina politických strán sa podľa vyjadrenia pre TASR kandidátom na prezidenta zatiaľ nezaobrá. Aktuálnou prioritou sú pre ne septembrové predčasné parlamentné voľby. Niektoré strany čakali aj na rozhodnutie súčasnej hlavy štátu.

Mandát prezidentky uplynie v roku 2024. Hlavu štátu volia občania Slovenskej republiky v priamych voľbách tajným hlasovaním na päť rokov. Kandidátov na prezidenta môže navrhnúť najmenej 15 poslancov Národnej rady SR alebo občania na základe petície najmenej s 15.000 podpismi oprávnených voličov.



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O MOŽNOSTI VOL'BY POŠTOU BUDÚ ÚRADY INFORMOVAŤ PRIEBEŽNE POČAS LETÁ

Vol'by do Národnej rady SR sa budú konať v sobotu 30. septembra 2023.

Ministerstvo zahraničných vecí a európskych záležitostí (MZVEZ) SR bude občanov SR žijúcich v zahraničí informovať o možnosti vol'by poštou priebežne počas leta. Pre TASR to potvrdil komunikačný odbor rezortu.

Informáciu plánuje rezort komunikovať prostredníctvom zastupiteľských úradov. Zdieľať ju chce aj cez sociálne siete na oficiálnych profiloch rezortu i jednotlivých zastupiteľských úradov. "Komunikácia je naplánovaná priebežne počas nadchádzajúcich letných mesiacov, s ohľadom na posledný možný termín registrácie občanov na voľbu poštou 9. augusta," ozrejmilo ministerstvo.

Volič, ktorý nemá trvalý pobyt na území Slovenskej republiky, môže voliť len poštou. Voľba poštou je určená aj pre voličov s trvalým pobytom na Slovensku, ktorí sa v čase volieb budú zdržiavať v cudzine. Žiadosť je možné podať elektronicky alebo listinne. – TASR

GYMNAZISTKY ZO SLOVENSKA VYHRALI MEDZINÁRODNÚ SÚŤAŽ V USA

Slovenskí mladí vedátori na medzinárodnej súťaži mladých vedátorov Genius Olympiad, ktorá sa uskutočnila v júni v USA, zaznamenali úspech. Študentky Gymnázia Jána Adama Raymana v Prešove Laura Kleinová a Natália Ivanecká získali zlatú medailu v kategórii veda za prezentáciu projektu "Odpudzujú bežné kozmetické produkty kliešte?".

Gymnazistky postúpili na medzinárodnú súťaž ako víťerkyne národného finále Festivalu vedy a techniky AMAVET 2022. Vedeckým konzultantom ich projektu bol Branislav Peťko z Parazitologického ústavu Slovenskej akadémie vied. "Dievčatá na projekte po Festivale vedy a techniky kontinuálne ďalej pracovali a zlepšovali ho po obsahovej aj vizuálnej stránke. Zlatá medaila je skvelým zakončením ich tvrdej práce na projekte," zhrnul Michal Zajaček, ktorý slovenský tím AMAVET-u viedol na medzinárodnom podujatí.

Vo svojom projekte porovnávali repelentnosť bežných kozmetických produktov, najmä šampónov, respektíve sprchových gélov, parfumov a éterických olejov. V štúdiu, pri ktorej sa celkovo efekt študoval na vyše 1600 kliešťoch, zistili, že parfumsy a éterické oleje sú viac repelentné v porovnaní so šampónmi. Na základe analýzy vyhotovili aj svoj vlastný repelentný produkt, kokosový krém, ktorý kliešte výrazne odpudzuje, no súčasne je šetrný voči životnému prostrediu v porovnaní s bežnými syntetickými repelentmi.

Slovensko na podujatí reprezentovala aj Anna Pénzešová z Gymnázia sv. Mikuláša v Prešove, ktorá postúpila so svojím projektom o vplyve zmagnetizovanej vody na zvyšovanie znásky nosníč z biologickej olympiády. V rámci súťaže v USA získala čestné uznanie.

KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Vietnamská komunita sa stala 14. oficiálne uznanou národnostnou menšinou na Slovensku. Udelenie štatútu schválila vláda SR. Vietnamská menšina bude mať nárok na podporu svojich aktivít z finančných zdrojov Fondu na podporu kultúry národnostných menšín. V sčítaní obyvateľov, domov a bytov v roku 2021 sa k vietnamskej národnosti prihlásilo 2 793 obyvateľov SR. Vietnamskú národnosť ako ďalšiu národnosť si v Sčítaní obyvateľov, domov a bytov v roku 2021 uviedlo 489 obyvateľov SR.

K Česku a Poľsku sa pri zabezpečení ochrany slovenského vzdušného priestoru pripája Maďarsko. Ministri obrany alebo ich zástupcovia z krajín Vyšehradskej skupiny (V4) podpísali príslušnú deklaráciu, povedal novinárom slovenský minister obrany Martin Sklenár. Slovensko po tom, čo predčasne ukončilo prevádzku stíhačiek sovietskej konštrukcie MiG-29, sa v lete dohodlo s Českom a Poľskom na zabezpečení ochrany neba dovtedy, kým Bratislava prevezme objednané americké stíhačky F-16. Prvé stroje by malo Slovensko v rámci meškajúcich dodávok dostať v budúcom roku.

Podľa Štatistického úradu inflácia v máji 2023 klesla na úroveň 11,9 percenta, čo boli hodnoty z apríla minulého roka. Stále sú to však vysoké hodnoty od začiatku milénia. Medzimesačne spotrebiteľské ceny tovarov a služieb dokonca klesli o 0,1 percenta, čo bolo prvýkrát od decembra 2020.

Slováci s kúpou bytu váhajú. Odborníci hovoria o 60-percentnom prepade dopytu. Štatistický úrad v poslednom kvartálnom zhodnotení zaznamenal útlm výstavby nových projektov. Kameňom úrazu je podľa analytika realitného trhu okrem sťažených podmienok v bankovom sektore aj ochladenie dopytu. Začiatok výstavby nových rezidiencií sa v prvom kvartáli podľa posledných údajov Štatistického úradu utlmil. Stavebné práce sa začali len na 3 681 bytoch.

Košické Silicon Valley rozšíri americký gigant. Vo februári vznikla spoločnosť Caterpillar Slovakia, ktorá sídli v Košiciach. Prednedávnom začala s náborm nových pracovníkov. Na východe Slovenska chce mať svoje výskumné stredisko, do ktorého plánuje lákať aj študentov z miestnej univerzity. V IT biznise sú Košice na Slovensku popredným hráčom. Kým vlni tam pôsobilo 50 významnejších firiem, dnes je to až 70. I

Slovenská centrálna banka vo svojej marcovej prognóze odhadla, že inflácia na Slovensku sa v tomto roku spomalí. Medziročná miera inflácie na Slovensku sa v máji spomalila na 11,9 percenta z aprílových 13,8 percenta, čo je najnižšia hodnota od apríla minulého roka. Tempo rastu spotrebiteľských cien sa spomalilo už tretí mesiac po sebe, keď vo februári dosiahlo 15,4 percenta. V máji ceny tovarov a služieb medzimesačne klesli o 0,1 percenta, čo bol prvý pokles od konca roka 2020, informoval dnes ČTK Štatistický úrad SR. V Českej republike sa medziročný rast spotrebiteľských cien v máji spomalil na 11,1 percenta z aprílových 12,7 percenta.



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