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# HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!



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

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT LARRY M. GLUGOSH



It is hard to believe that July has arrived. I hope many of our Slovak Catholic Sokol members and officers are enjoying their local summer fraternal activities including group and church picnics, golf outings, community trips and family events.

Along with the many local events that our society continues to support, we are also getting ready to host our International Clinic in a few weeks. Our youthful group leaders will be gaining the necessary insight and direction from our Supreme Physical Fitness board, in order to prepare for next summer's International Slet.

The board decided back in January at their annual meeting to host a virtual clinic this year, as we conducted during Covid. It is a different way to host the clinic but still effective and enjoyable for the participants. The board is excited about hosting the virtual clinic and will be ready to provide the necessary instructions to our local leaders and instill the knowledge necessary to help prepare their group

athletes for next summer event.

Speaking of special events, a few weeks ago our Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec and myself journeyed to Canton Ohio to celebrate the 2023 Fraternalist of the Year award. This year's recipient was Agnes Evanko from Assembly 180. It was a genuine pleasure and privilege to represent our society at the celebration. This wonderful annual ceremony gives tribute and honor to Sister Agnes for her lifetime commitment and dedication to our great society and fraternal benefit way of life.

She was surrounded by her family and friends who offered their good wishes and heartfelt appreciation for her many years of fraternal service. Throughout her life, Sister Agnes has earned the respect, admiration, friendship and support from the local Group 5 members and officers. However, it was very rewarding to know she was receiving her well-deserved honor from the entire organization, as this year's Fraternalist of the year.

In closing, I wish all of our members continued good health and I hope all of you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

God Bless you all!

## MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL GROUP 2 MEETING

Held at Holy Name of Jesus Convent Sunday 2/25/2024 following a mass by Rev Pinciario. Opening prayer & Pledge of Allegiance by president Neudeck. A luncheon by Lisa's Restaurant in Stratford was enjoyed by all. Wreaths 1, 39 & Assembly 33 were represented. Meeting minutes of 3/11/2023 were reviewed & accepted.

### OLD BUSINESS

Each Wreath & Assembly gave a verbal report of their current status.

Treasurer report given by Larry Wells. Expenses & income reported. Agreed to have one person responsible to write out all checks on the signature line which will be the Treasurer and keep 2 people's names legally on

checking account. Salaries to be written out at 7 annual meeting by Treasurer & distributed.

Martha Dulla reported that the Group 2 donation of \$500 was matched by Assembly 33 for Assumption Church for uniforms for the youth. She will provide a picture and write up for the Falcon. It was appreciated by Ann Miller, Coach and all the youth.

Group 2 participated in Join Hands Day and cleaned up the much neglected yard of a newly purchased home of the Holy Name of Jesus organist who was deeply touched by all the hard work and fraternalism shown that day. The

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



### SOKOL PROMOTION

One of the most crucial factors in the growth of a fraternal benefit society is its Membership. Growing the membership is essential for the continued good and betterment of any organization. For 119 years, our organization has been about family. Many of us are second and third generation members. Yet we all still have family members that are not part of our society. Even worse, most of these family members do not even have life insurance coverage. With all the fraternal benefits offered by our organization, as well as the life insurance protection, you would think it would be an easy sell. But we all know it is not. So, what can we do?

Every member who values his or her affiliation with our organization has an obligation to do their part in insuring our future. With so much to offer, let us share the message of Sokol fraternalism like generations have done in the past. Promoting our fraternal benefits is the easy part. It is the life insurance part that seems to be the hold-up for potential sales. When promoting our life insurance, always remember the benefits which only life insurance can provide. With funeral and burial costs totaling more than \$10,000, the death of a loved one can leave quite the financial burden. Life insurance can help subsidize these and other costs. Our policies also offer a tax-advantaged way to build cash value that may be used when in need of emergency funds. Loans are tax free if the policy stays in force. These are just a few reasons of the benefits of life insurance and the Slovak Catholic Sokol can help in filling these important needs for your family.

I hope everyone will enjoy the Fourth of July Holiday. It is a day to celebrate our freedom and extreme pride of being Americans. 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. In addition to our Sokol traditions of sportsmanship and fraternalism, our organization also addressed the need to provide financial security for its members. On this upcoming fourth, our Society will celebrate the 119th anniversary of our organization's founding. It is with immense pride that we continue to promote the high ideals of fraternalism which inspired our organization's founders 119 years ago. Generations of Sokol members have worked and promoted our great Society and here we stand today financially sound and filled with pride. Happy Birthday to the Slovak Catholic Sokol!

We ask all our members to continue to support our fine organization. The efforts of our Sokols to sign up new people have always been a cornerstone of our organization. To bring back an old campaign slogan: "BE A MEMBER, GET A MEMBER!"

Our Supreme Physical Fitness Board continues to work hard to find events that can generate interest among our members. They recently held a Sokol Family Fest at Peek N Peak Resort in Clymer, NY. All had a wonderful time, and we look forward to having more events like it in the future!

A special congratulations to our 2023 Fraternalist of the Year, Agnes Evanko. Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, and I had the honor of attending a wonderful dinner that celebrated Sister Agnes and all that she has done and continues to do for the organization. It was wonderful to see all our local Assembly 180 and Group 5 members who truly understand all that Agnes does for the Society. Congratulations again Agnes!

Until next time, continue enjoying this beautiful summer and may God bless you all!

Stay safe, stay strong, and STAY POSITIVE!

Zdar Boh!

## SOKOL CALENDAR

**JULY 18, 2024**

**ANNUAL AMERICAN SLOVAK DAY** at Kennywood Park in West Mifflin, PA. Slovak kitchen opens at 12:30 p.m. in Pavilion #4.

**AUGUST 9-11, 2024**

**69<sup>TH</sup> SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GOLF TOURNAMENT** at the Treasure Lake Golf Courses in DuBois, PA. All entries will close with a postmark date of July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024**

**SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL** at the Middlesex County Fair, 655 Cranbury Rd, East Brunswick, NJ.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

**GROUP 1 GOLF OUTING** at noon at Preakness Valley Golf Course, Wayne, NJ. For more information, please contact Group 1 President John Pogorelec, Jr. at (973) 493-0508.

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**Slovak Catholic  
Sokol Public Group**

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

### SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **AUGUST 1, 2024**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **JULY 22, 2024**.

The next **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL NEWSLETTER** will be posted on our website on **JULY 15, 2024**.

**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,  
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdo vic  
JULY – MONTH OF THE MOST  
PRECIOUS BLOOD**

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.



The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and re-assumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through

the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it.

Devotion to the Precious Blood is not a spiritual option, it is a spiritual obligation, and that not only for priests, but for every follower of Christ. I really believe that one of the symptoms of modern society (and I would even include, sadly, modern Catholic society) one of the symptoms of a growing, gnawing secularism is the lessening and the weakening of devotion to the Precious Blood. Devotion, as we know, is a composite of three elements: It is first- veneration, it is secondly- invocation, and it is thirdly- imitation. In other words, devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ, the Lamb of God who was slain, is first of all to be veneration on our part, which is a composite of knowledge, love and adoration. We are to study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.

I found this passage in the oldest document, outside of sacred scripture, from the first century of the Christian era – to be exact, from Pope St. Clement I, dated about 96 A.D. Says Pope Clement: "Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world."

To understand the meaning of the Precious Blood we must get some comprehension of the gravity of sin, of the awfulness of offending God, because it required the Blood of the Son of God to forgive that sin. We are living in an age in which to sin has become fashionable. This veneration of the Precious Blood, which is the first element in our devotion to the Precious Blood means that we have a deep sensitivity to the awfulness of sin. Sin must be terrible. It must be awful. It must be the most dreadful thing in the universe. Why? Because it cost the living God in human form the shedding of His Blood.

**DATES ARE ALL SET FOR  
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL CLINIC**

The Physical Fitness Board was quite busy since the start of the New Year. Each member took turns hosting different virtual activities over the last 5 months. I would like to thank the board members for hosting activities such as rosary night, bible study, book of the month, Slovak history, happy hour and sports activities. I would like to thank Father Andrew for hosting some of the Rosary nights. We will be restarting new activities in September. Thank you to all our members who took time from their busy schedule to join us.

The SPFB is now focusing on our next major activity, the Virtual International Clinic. The dates have been decided.

The first session will be held on Sunday, August 4th from 7-9 pm Eastern time. We will be reviewing all the rules and regulations and holding a discussion on any new ideas or suggestions. If anyone has any suggestions, ideas or anything that would like to be discussed please email Katie and myself so we can add it to the schedule. Second session will take place on Saturday, August 17 starting at 9 am. We will have a short meeting as a group and afterwards we will break into two groups ( male & female ) to watch the new drills.

New drills will be posted on the Google drive. We will be sending out the link to all leaders. Please take some time and learn the drills. If anyone needs anything, please let Katie or myself know.

Enclosed are our contact info:

Katie Ann Swift	katieannswift@gmail.com 412 303 3338
Dusan Dorich	dusan.dorich022@sympatico.ca 416 806 4420

Wishing everyone a great summer.

**Dusan Dorich**

*Physical Fitness Director*

**MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL  
GROUP 2 MEETING**

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beautification result was gorgeous and inspiring to all.

**NEW MOTIONS**

Secretary Darlene Knapik-Musial to formulate letter to Eileen Wilson requesting banner, photo albums, historian albums, uniforms, flags, T-shirts and other Group 2 paraphernalia be turned over to President Neudeck.

Agreed to have annual meeting, not bi-annual meeting  
Next Join Hands Day will be at Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport with Father Skip Karcinski.

ZDAR BOH !

**Darlene Knapik-Musial**

*Secretary Group 2*

## 76<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

The 76<sup>th</sup> Slovak Catholic Sokol International Bowling Tournament was held on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the AMF Bowlero Pittsburgh Lanes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Slovak Catholic Sokol members joined the combined bowling tournament which included members from the Greek Catholic Union (GCU) and members of the National Slovak Society (NSS).

The DoubleTree by Hilton Pittsburgh-Greentree was the host hotel for the 2024 bowling tournament and was minutes away from Bowlero Pittsburgh Lanes.

The three fraternal organizations combined with 18 Men's Team and 6 Women's Teams, for a total of 90 bowlers. The annual sporting event began Friday with team bowling beginning at 6:30 pm. The playing of the National Anthems of the United States and Canada kicked off the event. All of the bowlers received a souvenir travel bag from the fraternal societies.

On Friday evening, the bowlers were treated to a hospitality buffet at the bowling allowing ample time to eat and socialize during the tournament. The hearty buffet included BBQ Chicken Sliders, Mashed Potatoes, Halusky, Hot and Mild Sausage, Pasta, and Salad. Supreme Director of Sport and Athletics, Kathleen Watkins welcomed all the bowlers. Kathleen Watkins, Basil Wahal, Fraternal Communications Director from the GCU, and Bethany Bonnar, Member and Community Engagement Coordinator of NSS coordinated the lane assignments for all 24 teams.

Friday night team tournament winners: Female Division first place from the Team 2+2 Bowlers: Karen Bakita, Carol Mako, Diana Brashear and Jean Karaffa with a scratch score of 1937 total. This same team took first place in the Women's Team Handicap Division with a score of 2336. Way to go ladies!

The Men's Team Division Scratch First Place Winners with a score of 2358 were members from The Place to Be: John Adamcik, Ryan Lebanik, Rich Keebler and Andy Keebler. Men's Team Handicap Results include: First place winners from Munsons: John Miller, Mike Mantsch, Charles Houser, Greg Maranowski with a score of 2864.

Friday night concluded with the announcement of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award presented each year to a member of our organization who has been very active at



Well known Mako couple, Carol and Bob.

the Assembly, Group and National level promoting and participating in the International Bowling Tournaments. Congratulations to Bob Macko on this well-deserved recognition. Bob has been a member of Group 5, Barberton, Ohio his whole life. He is the youngest of 11 and is the first in his family to be awarded the Petruff Award. Bob supports local and international events by participating in Bowling tournaments, Golf tournaments, Group

5 Bowling and Golf Tournaments and has even participated in previous Basketball and Softball tournaments. He offers help with the Sokol Club when he can. He enjoys hunting with his lifelong friends and spending time with his wife, daughter, and son. Bob attended the Bowling Tournament and shared this moment with his lovely wife, Carol whom he adores.

On Saturday morning, bowlers returned to the Bowlero Pittsburgh Lanes for the Doubles and Singles competition.

Scratch Women's Doubles First Place winners include Patricia Kutzfara and Barbara Wahal with a combined score of 952.

In the Women's Handicapped Doubles Division, the dynamic duo of Victoria Lopata and Debra Rippel earned first place with a combined score of 1219.

Rich and Andy Keebler swept the Men's Double Division with the Scratch Division First Place score of 1422 and Handicap Division First Place score of 1554.

In the Women's Singles Scratch Division, Barbara M. Wahal placed first with a score of 522. The Women's Handicap Singles Division resulted in Guinevere Maximo taking first place with a score of 629.

In the Men's Singles Scratch Division, Brian Risko claims first place with a score of 667. In the Men's Handicap Division, first place honors go to James A. Asmonga with a score of 781.

In the Women's Division for All-Events with Handicap, Guinevere Maximo is awarded with first place with a total score of 1838. Debra Rippel placed second with a total score of 1817, and third place recognition goes to Carol Mako with a total score of 1773.

The Men's division for All-Events with handicap resulted in AJ Novotney placing first with a score of 2273: Second place was awarded to Curtis Bucher for a score of 2251 and Third place honors goes Jeff Jacob with a total score of 2237. The most prestigious All Events category was awarded to Barbara Wahal for the women Greg Maranowski for the men. Congratulations to these two fine bowlers.

After the bowlers finished with doubles and singles on Saturday afternoon, an afternoon Byzantine Catholic Liturgy was celebrated by Father Val Michlik, Spiritual Advisor of the GCU. Following Liturgy, a Saturday evening reception was provided with an open bar. A memorial table honored deceased members loved and missed during the event. This digital picture slide show capturing our beloved members will be showcased at each future event. Please continue to share pictures with Nancy Kropolinsky to memorialize our loved ones.

As part of our continued outreach efforts, Raffle Baskets and donations were collected and totaled \$1,170.00. Proceeds were donated to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Thank you to all the Groups and individuals who made this outreach project a success.

The rest of the evening was spent socializing between fellow members of the three fraternal societies. On Sunday morning the bowlers and guests headed home reflecting on the eventful weekend looking forward to the 2025 Bowling Tournament.

Zdar Boh!

**Nancy L. Kropolinsky**

*Supreme Assistant Physical Directress*



## ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF ASSEMBLY 78 BETHLEHEM, PA FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

From the Desk of President  
Fran Blanar:

I am pleased to share that over 80 family, friends, parishioners, and members of Assembly 78 enjoyed a delicious Pork & Sauer-

kraut Dinner at Incarnation of our Lord Parish (formerly SS. Cyril and Methodius) in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday June 9, 2024.

Mass was celebrated by Pastor Rev. Andrew Gehringer and Deacon

Tony Ocampo, followed by a delicious dinner in the Labuda Hall provided by DeSales University Sodexo Caterers. Program included polka music, a full history presentation of how the Slovak Catholic Sokols (S.C.S)

supported our ancestors that came here from their homelands, and information session of programs available and supported by the S.C.S today.

In attendance was Monsignor Robert Kozel, former Pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish. He translated the Slovak words on the displayed banner of Assembly 78 for the attendees, as well as some of the Slovak words on the stained glass windows in the church. With all the compliments I received, many are looking forward to next year's 115th Celebration of Assembly 78 scheduled for June 2025!

Zdar Boh!  
**President Francis Blanar**





## THE SOKOL SPIRIT SHINES BRIGHT

May 4<sup>th</sup> was a day of “Joy” and “Love” shared across the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Groups across our organization spent a day supporting our military families and veterans, helping Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius, celebrating high school graduates, supporting environmental preservation, helping animals, and more. Thank you for giving a little of your time and resources to make a positive difference in your communities. The “Sokol Spirit” was “Shining Bright.”

God Bless you in all that you do.

**Andrea M. Tadlock**  
*Supreme Vice President*



Group 5 – Assembly 180 Canton, OH stocking shelves at the Service Area Military (SAM) commissary



Group 7 – Gardening and grounds cleanup for the Sisters of SS Cyril and Methodius



Group 14 – Helping our veterans



Group 16 – Supporting nature preservation



Group 12 – Celebrating local 2024 high school graduates



Group 17 – Helping animal veterinary and shelter services



**JOINHANDSDAY**  
it starts with us





Members of Group 7, "Rev. Josef Murgas", Wilkes-Barre, PA recently gathered at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Dallas, PA to cleanup and plant flowers at the grave sites of Rev. Josef Murgas and Rev. Michael Burnat.





## 69TH SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Join us at the beautiful Treasure Lake in DuBois, PA on Aug 9-11, 2024 for the 69<sup>th</sup> Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament. We will be combining with the GCU for a fun-filled fraternal event.

All entries will close with a postmark date of July 6<sup>th</sup>. All tournament fees must accompany golf entry. Please mail to me at my home address listed on the golf information and rules sheet.

A few changes this year:

1. The hotel price is not included in the total cost. You will book and pay for your hotel on your own (as we do for bowling). The last day to book at the rate below is July 20<sup>th</sup>. All hotel information can be found on the application.
2. Both Friday evening hospitality and Saturday evening reception will be held at the *Silver Course Pavilion* at Treasure Lake from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00PM on Saturday at the Silver Pavilion. Reception immediately following.
3. You can choose to only play the tournament rounds (Saturday and Sunday). You can indicate this on the application. There is a reduced price if you are not playing the practice round.

All information can also be found on the Slovak Catholic Sokol website and on the new Slovak Catholic Sokol app.

### Hole Sponsorship at our 2024 Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament Sign Dimensions 24" X 18" Cost \$50.00

It is a great fraternal way to promote your Group, Assembly/Wreath, business, or family.

Send the information that you want printed on your sign via email or regular mail. Please send a check for \$50.00 made payable to: Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account.

Deadline: July 15, 2024

Email: [kathyw323@gmail.com](mailto:kathyw323@gmail.com)

Mailing Address:  
Kathleen Watkins  
7019 Highland Creek Drive  
Bridgeville, PA 15017



We look forward to seeing you at Treasure Lake!

Kathy Watkins  
Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics

## INTRODUCING “SOKOL FORWARD”

### ♥ Sokol Forward Together ♥

**Sokol Forward**, our new community outreach program, is a platform that empowers Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths to make a real difference in our communities through charitable and volunteer activities. By participating, you are contributing and helping us shine a light on and support these important endeavors.

Every month, we invite Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths to share their charitable or volunteer activities with the Supreme Vice-President for a chance to be featured in our ‘**Sokol Forward Spotlight**’. One of these monthly submissions will be chosen and awarded \$50 to be donated to the winner’s chosen charity. The winning submission will also be published in the Slovak Catholic Falcon and on our Social Media sites, giving your efforts the recognition they deserve.

Each January, we consider all the monthly ‘**Sokol Forward Spotlight**’ winners from the previous year for the Annual Sokol Forward Leader award. The winning Groups, Assemblies, and Wreaths will receive \$150 to donate to their chosen

charity.

If you’d like to submit an entry for a monthly ‘**Sokol Forward Spotlight**’, please send an email **by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month** to [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org) and include the following information:

- Group, Assembly, or Wreath Number with city and state
- The name of the charity or volunteer activity
- A description of the volunteer or charitable activity
- The date(s) of the activity
- The frequency of the activity
- How long the members have supported charity or participated in the activities
- Pictures of the event

We’re truly looking forward to sharing and encouraging your Sokol Spirit! Zdar Boh!

Thank you for all that you do!

**Andrea M. Tadlock**  
Supreme Vice-President



**69<sup>th</sup> International Golf Tournament**  
**August 9-11, 2024**  
**Treasure Lake Gold and Silver Course**  
**DuBois, PA**

***RULES AND REGULATIONS***

1. Every contestant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing for at least one (1) year or three (3) months with Single Premium Life Insurance.
2. (A) The golf tournament will consist of *seven* flights as listed below before applying 75% handicap:

<b>"A" Flight</b>	<b>0 -12 handicap</b>	<b>"S" Senior Flight</b>	<b>62-69 years old</b>
<b>"B" Flight</b>	<b>13-20 handicap</b>	<b>"SS" Super Senior</b>	<b>70 and over</b>
<b>"C" Flight</b>	<b>21 and over handicap</b>	<b>"W" Flight</b>	<b>Women, Callaway System</b>
<b>"D" Flight</b>	<b>Callaway System</b>		

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

(C) Only the Slovak Catholic Sokol /GCU Handicap will be accepted for all flights.
3. The tournament will be held with prevailing U.S.G.A. rules.
4. Callaway Flights: Golfers who do not have a handicap (handicaps are determined after two years or four rounds) of Tournament play. The Callaway Modified System will be used with two blind holes each round to calculate the daily handicap.
5. (A) All handicaps are subject to review and possible re-rating by "Handicap Committee". In the case of ties, lowest handicap will be declared flight winner.

(B) Women golfers will compete in a separate flight with a Modified Callaway System.
6. All play will be 36 holes:

<b>Friday, August 9</b>	Practice Round (call the course directly to book your own tee time)
<b>Saturday and Sunday, August 10-11</b>	18 holes each day (tournament play)
7. Entry Fee is \$20.00 and Tournament Expense is \$20.00.
8. Both Friday evening hospitality and Saturday evening reception will be held at the **Silver Course Pavilion** at Treasure Lake from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00PM on Saturday at the Silver Pavilion. Reception immediately following.
9. Prizes: There will be a Champion in each flight and the prize money will be awarded according to the number of entries received for each flight.
10. Foursomes will be paired at the discretion of the tournament committee. Participants wishing for special twosomes & foursomes, please indicate your golf partners on the golf tournament application.
11. Penalty for being tardy at the starting tee will be according to U.S.G.A. rules with loss of position.
12. **Entries will close with a postmark date of July 6, 2024. All tournament fees must accompany golf entry form. *Checks will not be accepted at the tournament.***

\*\*\*\*\***Mail application and payment (made out to Slovak Catholic Sokol Sports Account) to:**  
**Kathleen Watkins**  
**7019 Highland Creek Drive**  
**Bridgeville, PA 15017**

<b>Tournament Start Times:</b> <b>SATURDAY AND</b> <b>SUNDAY: 8:00AM</b>
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**If you have any questions, please text or call Kathy Watkins at 412-225-8233.**



**69th International Golf Tournament Entry Form**

Golf Course: 814-913-1482  
Silver Course: 814-913-1480

August 9-11, 2024  
Treasure Lake Golf Course  
DuBois, PA

**ENTRY DEADLINE:**  
**JULY 6, 2024**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly/Wreath \_\_\_\_\_

Golfer Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S.G.A. 36 Holes**  
**Men - 6 Flights**  
**Women - 1 Flight**

**GOLFER**

_____ <b>Full Golf Package</b>	3 Rounds	\$120.00
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense	\$40.00
	Friday Hospitality / Saturday Reception	\$30.00
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>
_____ <b>Partial Golf Package</b> <b>(WITHOUT PRACTICE ROUND)</b>	2 Rounds	\$80
	Entry Fee / Tournament Expense	\$40
	Friday Hospitality / Saturday Reception	\$30.00
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
_____ <b>Golf Only Package</b>	<b>Choose 1</b>	
	_____ 2 Rounds (no practice round)	\$80
	_____ 3 Rounds	\$120
	Entry Fee/Tournament Expense	\$40.00
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$120.00 / \$160.00</b>

**NOTE: Friday night hospitality and Saturday reception fee are partially covered by the SCS for golfers only.**

**GOLFERS: Please check if you plan on attending:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the Friday night hospitality \_\_\_\_\_ I will be attending the Saturday evening reception

**NON-GOLFER**

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday hospitality fee: **\$20.00** \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday Reception fee: **\$ 40.00**

\_\_\_\_\_ I have participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have not participated in two previous SCS Golf Tournaments.

\_\_\_\_\_ Men: I am 62 years or older and wish to enter the *Senior Flight* and have participated in at least two previous SCS Golf Tournaments

\_\_\_\_\_ Men: I am 70 or older and wish to enter the *Super Senior Flight* and have participated in at least two previous SCS Golf Tournaments

Preferred Doubles Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Total submitted: \_\_\_\_\_



## 78<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL INTERNATIONAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

HELD AT THE BOWLERO LANES PITTSBURGH, PA – MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> - 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2024



Robert Macko of Assembly 167, Barberton, OH received the 2024 Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award. L-r: Michael Matras, Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh, Robert Macko, Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC and Clarence Chton.



Marc Kudlacik, Frank Pavlica, John Termyna and Robert Mosloskie



Michael Horvath, Marty Degnan, Frank Lipski and Tony Rasimas.



Michael Matras, David Matty, Michael Matras and Mark Matras



Clarence Chton, Bernard Seruga, Shane McGavitt and George McGavitt



Jeremy Francis, Justin Francis, Dave Iskra Jr. and Dave Iskra Sr.





Mark Papcun , John Papcun and Eric Berger



George Juba, David Oleksa, Tim Germ and Mike Grohal



JoAnn Antosy, Patricia Latshaw, Deborah Unger, Megan Antosy



Sue Urcho, Patti Kropf, Brigid Delien and Tipton Wallace



Need Bowler, Guinevere Maximo, Victoria Lopata and Debra Rippel



Mary Jo Johnson, Patricia Kutzfara, Barbara Wahal and Melanie Basl



Karen Bakita, Carol Macko, Diana Brashear and Jean Karaffa



## MINUTES OF THE SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF GROUP 3 "REV. EDMUND MOCHAK"

Group 3, Rev. Edmund Mochak, held its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2024, 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 10:30 a.m. Brother Kevin opened the meeting with a prayer and 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. Brother Kevin addressed the members with a question, "Where do we go from here?" How do we revitalize Group 3 and the Slovak Catholic Organization. He shared the changes the Supreme Board is making to adjust to the change in times. Group 3 has Zack Manyak on the Supreme Fitness Board, and he has been running a book club. There are STEM classes for the youngsters, Bible study, Happy Hour, & Slovak Language classes being offered throughout the months. Brother Kevin encourages everyone to go to the website, Facebook, etc. to see what is available and to participate.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the Annual meeting on Sunday, November 19, 2023, were reviewed by Secretary Christine Manyak. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Judy Manyak, 2nd by Joe Bolte. **ACCEPTED!**

**Treasurer's report:** was presented by Julie Gresian; after discussion a motion to accept was made by Sister Christine Manyak, 2nd by Gary Manyak; **ACCEPTED!**

### **Old Business:**

\*Assembly 28 held a successful golumpki sale in December.

\*We are still struggling to find successful ways to reach our members. Group 3 Secretary Christine will try to reach out via text & mailing.

### **New Business:**

2024 Scholarships: Applications were sent to 6 eligible members for the Group 3 Scholarship. This is available for graduating high school seniors who are active members. The Essay topic was "How you might encourage more youth involvement in the Sokols!" We reviewed the 4 essays returned and this year's winners are:

Nicholas St. George, Molly Stinchfield, Cecilia White and Peyton Manyak.

2 of the essays really stood out and we have included them to be published with the minutes.

**Sokol Open:** the 2024 Sokol Open will be held on 9/7/24 at Blissful Meadows. This will be the 49<sup>th</sup> Open that has been run. Brother John Manyak will again be chair of this event. This continues to be the Groups biggest fundraising event.

\*Brother John Manyak continues his fund-raising efforts with various pools-Super Bowl, Stanley Cup, World Series, etc.

**International events:** Bowling Tournament May 17-18, 2024, Family Outing June 21-23 @ Peek'N Peak, Clymer, NY and Golf Tournament Aug 2024.

### **Discussion/Recommendations**

Brother John Manyak will be hosting a Corn Hole Tourna-

ment fund raiser on 6/8/24 for the Pan Mass Challenge which Brother David Cyr and Sister Makenzie Parella will be riding in, 3rd time for David and 2nd time for Makenzie in honor of wife/mother Lori Cyr. 100% of the funds goes directly to cancer research. Brother Gary Manyak made a motion to sponsor them. After discussion it was 2nd by Sister Julie Gresian and Accepted. While it is too late for this year, if they continue to participate, we will sponsor again and have Group 3 added to their shirts.

Brother Gary Manyak thanked the organization for their support of the Nashoba Regional High School Men's basketball team. Brother Gary recommended that he and other group members run a Basketball Clinic sponsored by Group 3 to attract youth involvement. He will work on the details and check gym availability.

Our long-time member from Webster, Joseph Brody passed away this past February. Joe always attended the annual and semi-annual meetings and was always looking for ways to include more participation from the Webster members. We have scheduled a Mass in his honor on Sunday June 30, 2024 @ 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua church in Dudley, MA

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

Brother Kevin Conway recited the closing prayer. Sulhas.

Respectfully submitted by

**Christine Manyak, Group 3 Secretary**

## THE INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT CHARITY

Haven House Shelter of Dubois, PA  
Give to Haven House

The Haven House Shelter of Dubois  
is the chosen charity for the  
International Golfing Tournament.

We will accept monetary donations from individuals,  
groups, wreaths, and assemblies  
before and during the tournament.

If you wish to contribute now,  
please mail a check made out to:

Haven House  
and send it to:

Kathy Watkins

7019 Highland Creek Drive  
Bridgeville, PA 15017





## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

July 2024

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



Do you love reading books? If yes, then you will love this program! From **June 16th to August 25th**, you must keep track of the books you read and their author's name. Don't forget to ask your parents to sign your list after you finish reading each book. If you can't read on your own yet, that's okay too! You can have someone like your parents, grandparents, babysitter, or teacher read to you. Remember to choose books that interest you and are a little challenging! I will need your completed reading list by **September 10th**. Please don't forget to include your name, address, group number, and age so I can recognize you in the paper.



I split the groups based on how well you read books. Kids who can't read yet might have more books read to them, so they might read more. There are different prizes for different levels, and the more you read, the better the prize you can get. The following is the breakdown of award levels. Remember this when you set your reading goals!



**Can you do me a favor and let me know which books are your favorites on the list?** I'd love to share them with other kids. Have fun reading, and good luck! Don't forget to email your completed reading lists to Andrea Tadlock - [vp@slovakcatholiccsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholiccsokol.org)



#### Non-Readers

- Level 1 - 15 books
- Level 2 - 25 books
- Level 3 - 35 books or more

#### Early Readers

(sounding out most words)

- Level 1 - 10 books
- Level 2 - 20 books
- Level 3 - 30 books or more

#### Intermediate Reader

(50+ pages each book)

- Level 1 - 10 books
- Level 2 - 15 books
- Level 3 - 20 books or more

#### Advanced Readers

(100 + pages each book)

- Level 1 - 5 books
- Level 2 - 10 books
- Level 3 - 15 books or more







## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

### July 2024

#### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fun Facts

🇺🇸 Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence with edits from John Adams and Benjamin Franklin.

🇺🇸 The Declaration of Independence was voted on by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Continental Congress on July 2, 1776. The final edits were approved on July 4, 1776, and signed on August 2, 1776.

🇺🇸 Three Founding Fathers died on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July:

🇺🇸 John Adams and Thomas Jefferson died on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day, July 4, 1826

🇺🇸 James Monroe died on July 4, 1831

🇺🇸 Calvin Coolidge was the only U.S. President born on Independence Day, July 4, 1892.

🇺🇸 Actress Reese Witherspoon is a direct descendant of John Witherspoon, the sixth President of Princeton University, formerly the College of New Jersey, and a signer of the Declaration of Independence.



#### Happy Birthday to You!

Anya Honohan	7/4
Micah Bunosky	7/10
Damian Harlacher	7/18
Blake Bohn	7/26

Send your birthday dates to  
[vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org)





## KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

July 2024

### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Riddle

Complete the sentences by filling in the blanks with the words provided.



**Word Bank**

flag	fireworks	Adams
red	Independence	celebrate
	proud	



- I see an American     flapping in the wind.
- The colors of the flag are    white, and blue.
- We     the Fourth of July every year.
- The     light up the night sky.
- The Declaration of     was approved on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 1776.
- We are     to be Americans.
- Former U.S. presidents, Thomas Jefferson and John     signed the Declaration of Independence.



Use the letters in the circles above to complete the sentence below.

We are thankful for our       !



### Send me your Completed Riddle for a Chance to Win a Prize!!

If you want to win a **\$25 gift card**, send me a copy of your solved riddle by **July 31<sup>st</sup>**. I'll randomly select a winner from all the entries I receive. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Send your completed entry by email to [vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org) with your name, group, address, and email address.



What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



**News and Views  
from Slovakia...**

## **PETER PELLEGRINI TAKES OATH, ASSUMES POST OF SLOVAK PRESIDENT**



President Peter Pellegrini, in the middle, his predecessor Zuzana Caputova, left, and Parliamentary Vice-chair Peter Ziga, right, after Pellegrini was sworn in at a ceremonial House session in the Slovak Philharmonic on June 15, 2024 (photo by TASR)

Bratislava, June 15 (TASR) - Peter Pellegrini swore an oath before Constitutional Court chair Ivan Fiacan during a ceremonial parliamentary session held in the Slovak Philharmonic on Saturday, June 15 thereby officially assuming the presidential office.

"I promise upon my honour and conscience that I will be faithful to the Slovak Republic. I will care about the welfare of the Slovak nation, national minorities and ethnic groups living in Slovakia. I will carry out my duties in the interest of the public, observe the Constitution and other laws. I promise," said Pellegrini, citing the relevant text prescribed by the Constitution.

## **OUTGOING PRESIDENT CAPUTOVA: MY BELOVED SLOVAKIA, IT'S BEEN HONOUR SERVING YOU**

Outgoing President Zuzana Caputova during her farewell speech at the Presidential Palace Garden on June 14, 2024 delivering her final public speech at a farewell ceremony. She stated it has been an honour for her to serve Slovakia in her 5-year term of office.

"My beloved Slovakia! We've gone through five difficult years together. I had a chance to see your pain from up close, but also your joy and the potential in wonderful people who live here. I've seen your beauty and shown it to other foreign statespersons, too. You're divided, hurting, but always, in every difficult time, capable of joining together in humaneness," she stated.

The outgoing head of state pointed out that the Slovaks will face a great challenge: to bolster mutual trust and understanding among themselves. She underlined the need for solidarity, tolerance, justice and responsibility. "We must replace monologue with dialogue. Replace prejudice with the effort to listen, perceive and understand," she claimed.

At the end of her five years in office, Caputova is leaving with the knowledge that Slovakia's potential is bigger than people realise and she's convinced that Slovakia has reasons to believe in itself.

In her speech, she also underlined that she had paid close attention to the protection of constitutionality during her tenure and pointed out that the relevance of presidential arguments was confirmed also by the Constitutional Court. She perceives this as an important contribution to the building of standards of the rule of law.

The farewell ceremony was attended by representatives of local authorities, civil society, charity, education, culture and minorities as well as holders of top state awards, successful scientists, athletes, artists and teachers.

## **PREMIER FICO MIGHT RETURN TO WORK AT TURN OF JUNE AND JULY**

In a video he posted on a social network on Wednesday, Premier Robert Fico (Smer-SD) said that if everything goes well, he might return to work at the turn of June and July.

Fico doesn't plan to take any action against the man who shot him and forgives him. He called the shooter an activist of the Slovak political opposition.

"On May 15, in Handlova, an activist of the Slovak opposition attempted to murder me for my political views," declared Fico, adding that he has no reason to believe that the assassination attempt was a lone wolf incident. In the Prime Minister's view, it's evident that the shooter was a "messenger of evil and political hatred that the politically unsuccessful and frustrated opposition has escalated to an unsustainable extent in Slovakia".

Fico underlined that he principally disagrees with the politics of only "one right opinion" that is "so recklessly promoted by some large Western democracies".

"Not all large democracies were happy when I rejected the airstrikes on Belgrade, withdrew Slovak troops from Iraq, blocked the introduction of mandatory quotas for illegal migrants or radically turned down the proposal to scrap the right of veto for the EU member states," claimed Fico. "A self-confident sovereign Slovak foreign policy, anchored in our EU and NATO memberships, but oriented towards all four cardinal directions in simply not in vogue. Ties between my political representation and EU and NATO partners have become tense following the Russian attack on Ukraine, when we have refused to provide Ukraine any military aid from our state reserves, aside from humanitarian aid, and continue to strongly prefer peace rather than war. It is the conflict in Ukraine that has served to reinforce, even literally sanctify, the concept of only one right opinion within the EU and NATO, which is that the war in Ukraine must continue at any cost with the aim of weakening the Russian Federation," declared Fico and added that anyone who doesn't subscribe to this view is instantly called a Russian agent and ostracised.

on the international stage.

Fico blamed the hatred and aggressiveness of the incumbent opposition, "backed and tolerated by mainstream media, non-governmental organisations financed from abroad, and, unfortunately, ignored by international organisations" for radicalising the shooter.

"The opposition shows no respect for the results of democratic parliamentary election and authorities," averred Fico. The Prime Minister hopes that the pain he's going through will have some benefit for Slovakia. "The people could see with their own eyes the horrors that might happen if someone is incapable of competing in politics democratically and respecting other opinions. I'm no political angel, either. I can be tough. And even the governments I've been heading haven't been perfect," conceded Fico.

He added that an offer to do things better must form the basis of political competition when vying for voter support. "The offer cannot be to imprison a political opponent without a reason or having him treacherously murdered. These are things that the opposition will need to think about. If it doesn't change its current mindset, the horrors of May 15 that you all had an opportunity to see practically live will continue and there will be more victims. I'm confident of that."

## **CAPUTOVA: POPE FRANCIS SENDS MESSAGE TO SLOVAKS TO SEEK PEACE AND CALM**

Pope Francis received Slovak President Zuzana Caputova in the Vatican City on Saturday and conveyed a message to Slovaks to seek peace and calm in their current difficult situation in the wake of the attempt on Prime Minister Robert Fico's (Smer-SD) life, TASR learnt on the same day.

"It's always a beautiful moment talking with the Holy Father," stated the President, who thanked Francis for his words of support he had addressed to Slovakia also in days following the shooting.

According to Caputova, the situation in Slovakia is difficult and people are worried, which is why she finds it important to send them a message from the Vatican City that might resonate. "It's natural that we are different. Despite that, talk together and seek peace between you. Peace, that's a fragile flower," the President quoted the Pope's message.

"I really wish that this message gets translated into reality... it's important to preach less about peace to others and experience it more within ourselves," she added.

The head of state pointed out that this was her fourth audience with Pope Francis during her five-year tenure. "Even at today's meeting, we reminisced about his wonderful visit to Slovakia back in 2021," she said.

The President was accompanied also by mothers of three girls who died tragically in April's bus crash in Spisske Podhradie, en route to a church meeting of the youth. Caputova hoped that letting the mothers meet the Pope would at least partially soothe the pain caused by the loss of their daughters.

## **PROGRESSIVE SLOVAKIA OFFICIAL EP ELECTIONS WINNER IN SLOVAKIA**

The European Parliament elections in Slovakia on Saturday, June 9 were won by the Progressive Slovakia (PS) party on 27.81 percent of the votes, the State Electoral Commission

confirmed on Sunday night.

PS was followed by Smer-SD on 24.76 percent, the Republic party on 12.53 percent, Voice-SD on 7.18 percent and the Christian Democratic Movement (KDH) on 7.14 percent of the votes.

No other parties managed to obtain any seats in the European Parliament, with the list of unsuccessful parties including Freedom and Solidarity (SaS) on 4.92 percent, Democrats on 4.68 percent, the Hungarian Alliance on 3.88 percent, the coalition consisting of the Slovakia and For the People parties on 1.98 percent and the Slovak National Party (SNS) on 1.90 percent. The remaining parties failed to obtain more than 1 percent of the votes. A total of 23 parties plus one coalition ran in the elections in Slovakia.

The voter turnout reached 34.38 percent (1,505,176 voters), becoming the highest turnout of the five EP elections Slovakia has held in its history.

Slovaks elected a total of 15 MEPs, namely Ludovit Odor, Lubica Karvasova, Martin Hojsik, Veronika Cifrova Ostrihonova, Michal Wiezik, Lucia Yar (all Progressive Slovakia/PS), Monika Benova, Katarina Roth Nevedalova, Judita Lassakova, Erik Kalinak, Lubos Blaha (all Smer-SD), Milan Uhrik, Milan Mazurek (both Republic), Miriam Lexmann (Christian Democratic Movement/KDH) and Branislav Ondrus (Voice-SD).

## **SLOVAKIA TO SUPPORT MARK RUTTE FOR POST OF NATO SECRETARY GENERAL**

Slovakia will support the candidacy of outgoing Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte for the post of NATO Secretary General, President Peter Pellegrini said on Tuesday after the end of an extraordinary European Council meeting.

In return for this support, Slovakia wants help from the Netherlands in securing its air defence.

Pellegrini pointed out that so far there have been two candidates for the post of NATO Secretary General - besides Rutte also Romanian President Klaus Iohannis. According to Pellegrini, it was understandable that Slovakia could imagine a representative of Central and Eastern Europe in this position.

"Following consultations with both candidates and after consultations with Prime Minister Robert Fico [Smer-SD] and the Slovak government, the Slovak Republic can imagine supporting Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte as the head of the Alliance," stated Pellegrini.

The Slovak head of state also pointed out that this support is accompanied by a plea and request from Slovakia that Rutte, as the next NATO chief, should ensure the protection of the Slovak airspace, which is unprotected after the handover of previous air-defence systems to Ukraine and after NATO allies - the Dutch and Italians - withdrew their temporarily provided systems from Slovakia.

"Slovakia doesn't have any air-defence system today, and that is why Rutte and I discussed a situation that if he is elected as the head of the Alliance, he should make efforts to push through the protection and defence of Slovakia's airspace - at least until Slovakia is able to protect this airspace with its own capacities. Rutte expressed his willingness to address this in the future," said the Slovak president.

Pellegrini added that he had also asked Rutte to take into account the geographical principle when filling positions in NATO at lower levels of management after his election.



## SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERA-

The Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal is in its 46th 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 February 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 2024 Appeal has received \$24,557 94 from 166 donors.** Among the 45 donations received from Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, Assembly 11, Assembly 23, Assembly 24, Assembly 34, Assembly 59, Assembly 78, Assembly 162, Group 1, Group 2, Wreath 15, and the Home Office of the Slovak Catholic Sokol have donated a combined total of \$1,600. Donations to date have also been received from 7 churches, 25 clergy and religious, and 89 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

All wishing to contribute to the 2024 Appeal are asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mailing it along with your check payable to the Slovak Catholic Federation to the address provided. Donations in any amount are deeply appreciated and are acknowledged. **Gifts received after November 30, 2024 will be credited toward the 2025 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. Hvozdic, 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.*



### 46<sup>TH</sup> 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

**46<sup>TH</sup>**  
SLOVAK HERITAGE FESTIVAL  
FESTIVAL BUDE! SAVE THE DATE  
29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2024

at Middlesex County Fair Grounds | 655 Cranbury Rd. | East Brunswick | NJ 08816  
[www.slovakfest.org](http://www.slovakfest.org)

## 92<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SLOVAK-AMERICAN DAY SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**HOLY MASS at 12:00 Noon**

**CULTURAL PRESENTATION**

featuring the Tatra Slovak Dancers  
and the Slovak Catholic Sokol Drillers at 2:30 p.m.

**- FREE ADMISSION -**

**CROATIAN PARK**

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## MAY 2024

Assembly 11	Bernadine Ripka of Westport, CT	87	December 8, 2023
Assembly 25	Samuel W. Fani, Sr. of Brownsville, PA	74	May 28, 2024
Assembly 59	Willie S. Johnson of Wilkes Barre, PA	60	April 24, 2024
Assembly 78	Mary Lou A. Schuler of Easton, PA	74	April 7, 2024
Assembly 78	John J. Kachmar of Iowa City, IA	76	April 12, 2024
Assembly 136	Joseph Kobulsky of Warwick, PA	96	October 25, 2023
Assembly 136	Maria Z. Yaninas of Hallsville, MO	101	May 1, 2024
Assembly 162	Peter C. Eagler of Clifton, NJ	69	May 11, 2024
Assembly 167	Carleen Richmond of N. Martinsville, WV	61	October 12, 2023
Assembly 167	George S. Samay of Alliance, OH	93	April 30, 2023
Assembly 167	David M. Pecimon of Norton, OH	84	May 11, 2024
Assembly 179	Michael Janocko of Monroeville, PA	83	April 17, 2024
Assembly 180	Steve H. Roth of Youngstown, OH	95	May 9, 2024
Assembly 182	Thomas Shortman of Clifton, NJ	63	March 26, 2024
Assembly 219	Barbara Bianco of Rye, NY	88	April 20, 2024
Assembly 295	Marcia L. Bercik of Charleroi, PA	64	May 11, 2024
Assembly 299	Cherryann M. Osbourne of Arverne, NY	50	May 15, 2024
Assembly 299	Richard Keith of Brooklyn, NY	58	May 27, 2024
Assembly 312	Anna E. Konieczny of Bayonne, NJ	93	February 24, 2024
Assembly 312	Dolores M. Rudy of Nederland, CO	94	April 12, 2024
Assembly 312	Linda Ann Gantz of Woodstock, GA	73	April 29, 2024
Wreath 15	Edward Kurila of Mayfield Ths, OH	90	April 1, 2024
Wreath 22	Elizabeth S. Vodzak of Pittsburgh, PA	85	May 27, 2024
Wreath 47	May Ann Dinius of Coon Rapids, MN	89	April 13, 2024
Wreath 93	Vang Houa Thao of Eau Claire	11	May 10, 2024
Wreath 155	Linda Nace of Mechanicsburg, PA	80	July 28, 2023



Life insurance is always a perfect gift for that special loved one. It's a gift that will last a lifetime. It cannot be lost, stolen, broken or squandered away. It is economical, worth something immediately and appreciates in value over the years.

Of course it is a Slovak Catholic Sokol life insurance policy or annuity plan. By providing your child, grandchild or other members of your family and friends with a Sokol insurance policy, you have a number of advantages which should be considered. It is first and foremost a lifetime of insurance protection at a cost that can never be replicated. It also creates a cash value account that may be used for future college expenses or some other of life's emergencies. And, you will have also protected that loved one's insurability which means that no matter what happens to their health in the future, they will always be insured under the policy you purchased for them.

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

And in addition, the Slovak Catholic Sokol offers a number of fraternal benefits. Our athletic and gymnastic programs emphasize our belief in both physical and mental health, as well as our commitment to our fraternal way of life. Each year, our organization provides scholarship grants to our members. As a firm believer in the Catholic school system, we provide grants to students attending Catholic grade school and high school. We also offer a generous number of college scholarships as well.

So why not purchase that life insurance policy or annuity plan now so that the new year can start that loved one on the road to financial success. Give a call to our Home Office at 1 800 886-7656. We will provide you with all the rates and applications or see your local Assembly or Wreath officers.

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1 kg jogurt biely  
750 ml nesladená smotana na šľahanie  
3 dl cukor práškový  
400 g piškóty dlhé  
3 PL tmavé kakao  
2 bal. cukor vanilkový  
kokos strúhaný  
3-4 ks zrelé banány



Jogurt a smotanu na šľahanie zmiešame metličkou. Pridáme práškový cukor. Zmiešanú masu rozdelíme do dvoch misiek. Do jednej zamiešame vanilkový cukor a do druhej kakao. Každú poriadne premiešame. Na spodok väčšej hlbšej sklenej misky poukladáme 1 vrstvu piškót. Piškóty zalejeme časťou vanilkového jogurtu, poriadne posypeme kokosom a poukladáme na kolieska pokrúpané banány. Na banány poukladáme ďalšiu vrstvu piškót, zalejeme ich poriadnou vrstvou kakaového jogurtu a poukladáme znova banány. Na banány poukladáme ešte poslednú vrstvu piškót, ktorú popolievame zvyšným vanilkovým jogurtom. Posypeme kokosom a podľa chuti ozdobíme vrch ovocím. Dáme na niekoľko hodín do chladničky stuhnúť. Namiesto kakaovej a vanilkovej chuti si môžete pripraviť napríklad kávovú alebo citrónovú.

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Ananás bez šupky a tvrdého stredu nakrájame na kúsky. Vysypeme ich do hrnca, zopár si odložíme na ozdobenie. K ananásu pridáme med a cukor. Zmes varíme, kým sa cukor rozpustí a ananás zmäkne. Potom všetko ponorným mixérom rozmixujeme a necháme vychladnúť. Po vychladnutí ananášové pyré vmiešame do jogurtu. Ochutený jogurt vložíme do plastového uzatvárateľného vrečka a dáme ho na 3 hodiny do mrazničky. Potom zmrazený ananášový jogurt nalámeme do mixéra a rozmixujeme. Rozmixovanú zmes preložíme do plastového cukrárskeho vrečka s neodstrihnutou špičkou. Vložíme ho opäť na 1 hodinu do mrazničky. Po zmrazení odstriháme špičku vrečka a obsah vytlačíme do pohárov, v ktorých budeme dezert podávať. Ozdobíme kúskami ananásu a posypeme kokosom.

## Z. ČAPUTOVÁ SYMBOLICKY ODOVZDALA PREZIDENTSKÝ PALÁC P. PELLEGRINIMU



Na snímke zvolený prezident SR Peter Pellegrini skladá sľub predpísaný Ústavou SR do rúk predsedu Ústavného súdu SR Ivana Fiačana (druhý vpravo), vpravo dosluhujúca prezidentka SR Zuzana Čaputová na slávnostnej schôdzi NR SR v budove Slovenskej filharmónie 15. júna 2024 v Bratislave.

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Bratislava 15. júna (TASR) - Bývalá prezidentka Zuzana Čaputová v sobotu 15. júna poobede symbolicky odovzdala Prezidentský palác novej hlave štátu Petrovi Pellegrinimu. Potom na nádvorí absolvoval prehliadku Čestnej stráže prezidenta SR. Nasledoval bude slávnostný obed v paláci, na ktorý Pellegrini pozval 15 mladých ľudí a 15 seniorov.

V podvečer položil prezident Pellegrini veniec k Pamätníku M. R. Štefánika v Ivanke pri Dunaji a neskôr aj k pamätníku Brána slobody na bratislavskom Devíne. Deň inaugurácie ukončil nový prezident SR slávnostnou recepciou na Bratislavskom hrade.



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**KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA**

Zdravotný stav premiéra Roberta Fica sa naďalej zlepšuje. Na tlačovej besede o tom informoval minister obrany Robert Kaliňák. Dodal, že rekonvalescencia predsedu vlády bude naďalej prebiehať ambulantnou starostlivosťou v Nemocnici sv. Michala v Bratislave. Následne by sa podľa Kaliňáka mohol vrátiť do plného pracovného nasadenia. Na premiéra Fica bol spáchaný atentát 15. mája počas výjazdového rokovania vlády v Handlovej. Utrpel viacero strelných poranení. 71-ročný útočník Juraj Cintula bol zadržaný a čelí obvineniu.

Slovensko je prvé na svete vo výskyte cirhózy pečene. Ľudovo sa tejto chorobe hovorí tvrdenie pečene. Ide o konečné štádium, ku ktorému môže viesť prakticky každé chronické ochorenie tohto orgánu. U obéznych ľudí sa cirhóza pečene vyskytuje 6-krát častejšie ako v populácii s normálnou hmotnosťou alebo nadváhou a ochorenia pečene sú dokonca najčastejšou príčinou smrti dospelých na Slovensku vo veku 25 až 45 rokov. Dôvodom nelichotivých štatistík je najčastejšie konzumácia alkoholu a s ním súvisiaca alkoholová choroba pečene, ale rovnako tak sa pod ne môže podpísať aj nealkoholová tuková choroba pečene, ktorá sa označuje skratkou NAFLD.

Poradcom prezidenta Petra Pellegriniho pre zahraničné otázky a medzinárodnú politiku bude diplomat, bývalý generálny tajomník OBSE a exminister zahraničných vecí SR Ján Kubiš. Zahranično-politický rozmer práce prezidenta považuje Pellegrini za mimoriadne dôležitý a nechce ho podceňovať. V tejto súvislosti pripomenul náročné diplomatické misie Jána Kubiša v službách Organizácie spojených národov (OSN).

Intervenční kardiológovia z kardiocentra v košickej Šaci ako prví na svete úspešne implantovali takzvanú aortálnu protézu u pacientky s komplexnou vrodenou chybou srdca a výrazne rozšírenou aortou. Pacientka, ktorej implantovali novú srdcovú chlopňu, je špecifický prípad. „Je to relatívne mladá pacientka s vrodenou srdcovou chybou, ktorá postupom času viedla aj k poškodeniu aortálnej chlopne, k jej zúženiu a následnému zhoršeniu stavu pacientky. Vzhľadom na svoju základnú diagnózu má však veľmi neštandardné anatomické pomery a veľmi veľký prstenec aortálnej chlopne. To až natolko, že doteraz do takého veľkého prstenca si nikto na svete netrúfol implantovať novú srdcovú chlopňu,“ vysvetlil medicínsky riaditeľ kardiocentra pre internistické odbory Anton Farkaš. Napriek vysokému riziku išlo podľa kardiocentra o jedinou možnosť, ako pacientke pomôcť. Prípad konzultovali aj s detskými pracoviskami v Prahe a vo Varšave, ktoré sa na liečbu vrodených chýb srdca špecializujú. Výkon prebehol bez závažných komplikácií a implantácia chlopne bola úspešná. Aktuálne pacientka rehabilituje a rehabilitační pracovníci aj celý personál robia všetko pre to, aby sa mohla čo najskôr vrátiť domov k rodine.

## MEGAINVESTÍCIA NA JUHU SLOVENSKA POKROČILA

Spoločnosť MH Invest predložila zámer výstavby priemyselného parku Šurany Industrial Park na posúdenie vplyvov na životné prostredie (EIA). Príprava parku predstavuje základný predpoklad pre prilákanie nových investícií v regióne, uvádza sa v predloženej dokumentácii. Svojou rozlohou bude predstavovať jeden z najväčších priemyselných parkov v lokalite západného Slovenska. Hlavným zámerom je vybudovať nový strategický priemyselný park pre umiestnenie viacerých významných investorov.

Svojou rozlohou bude predstavovať jeden z najväčších priemyselných parkov v lokalite západného Slovenska. Hlavným zámerom je vybudovať nový strategický priemyselný park pre umiestnenie viacerých významných investorov.

Nový priemyselný park by mal vzniknúť v meste Šurany v okrese Nové Zámky, v katastrálnom území Šurany, Nitriansky Hrádok a Bánov. Územie o rozlohe 540 hektárov tvorí zhruba 375 hektárov plocha priemyselného parku a 165 hektárov plocha územia, cez ktoré je potrebné viesť inžinierske siete nevyhnutné na prevádzku parku.

V severnej časti parku, ktorá zaberá 255 hektárov, sa uvažuje s umiestnením strategického investora zo sektora výroby batériových článkov. Vzniknúť by mali dve výrobné haly, pričom výrobná kapacita každej haly je projektovaná na 10 gigawatthodín (GWh), celkovo 20 GWh pre obidve haly pri trojzmennej prevádzke. Predstavuje to približne 60 miliónov batériových článkov za rok v rámci prvej fázy.

V južnej časti územia s celkovou plochou 120 hektárov by mal vzniknúť výrobný areál a energocentrum pre celý priemyselný park. V rámci riešeného územia sa súčasne uvažuje s umiestnením logistických a montážnych funkcií.

Podľa predloženej dokumentácie je termín začatia výstavby plánovaný na posledný štvrtrok tohto roka. Výstavba by mala trvať dva roky, začiatok prevádzky je naplánovaný na prvý štvrtrok 2027. Predpokladané investičné náklady sú vyčíslené na 162 miliónov eur.

V novej fabrike by malo vzniknúť viac ako 2220 pracovných miest pri plnom využití kapacity výroby. Viac ako tri štvrtiny pracovných miest budú vyhradené operatívne personálu a zvyšok bude tvoriť vysokokvalifikovaný personál, ako sú vedeckí pracovníci, inžinieri a manažment. Ďalších 350 pracovných miest by malo vzniknúť v subdodávateľskom parku.

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