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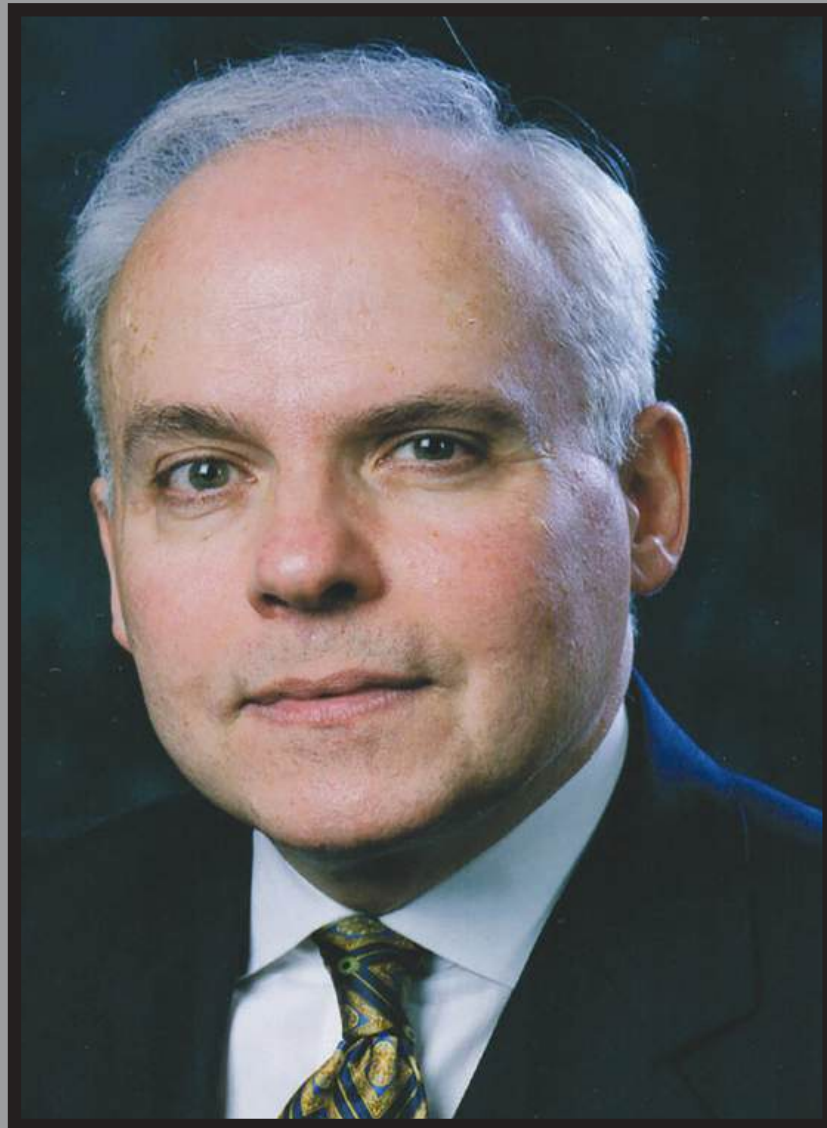
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DANIEL F. TANZONE

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MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT LARRY M. GLUGOSH

I hope all of our members and families will enjoy their Thanksgiving long weekend later this month and will take some quality time to reflect on our many blessings that God has provided to us. It is a wonderful time of the year and I hope you will create some long and lasting memories with your friends and families.



Since it is the season of giving, I hope that during your Thanksgiving festivities you manage to provide some comfort and support to those less fortunate than ourselves. After all, fraternalism is something that each of us can demonstrate in our local communities. For example, we could go out and provide our time and energy at a veteran center or senior citizen home or just do something nice for someone in your parish or community. Last month our family collected clothes and donated them to the salvation army. It was a wonderful feeling to help someone in need but also to show them compassion, kindness and love.

Next month, we sincerely hope all of our local assemblies and wreaths will enjoy the generosity of our Supreme Assembly, which subsidizes your annual Christmas parties for our youth. This is a very nice benefit to all of our Slovak Catholic Sokol members and we sincerely hope that many will take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity. As well, for some groups it is also a good opportunity to gain new membership from families and friends within your parish, who witness our Christmas parties and

youth in action. We wish you the very best as you gather together and look forward to seeing many youthful smiling faces in future editions of our publication.

Speaking of our publication, it is with great sadness that we heard about the passing of our former Editor and Supreme Officer, Daniel F. Tanzone. He was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to his Slovak heritage, Catholic faith and fraternal way of life. He was passionate about the Slovak Catholic Sokol and lived everyday in keeping with our ideals and beliefs. He often said, we should follow the guidance of our forefathers and pave the future of our society, in keeping with their vision. He was sometimes misunderstood about his focus on detail but it was because he cared so much for our organization and wanted nothing but the best for our members. The words "good enough" were not in his vocabulary and he strived to make our organization the class of all fraternal benefit societies.

It is ironic that he struggled with dementia in his later years, given he had an incredible knowledge of our Slovak Catholic history and spent his life dedicated to detail and ensuring that everyone's name was always correctly spelled in our publication. Breather Dan was a mentor to me and my late wife, Krista. We worked together on many articles and the annual review publications, that I remain proud of today. God Bless you Brother Dan and may you enjoy your eternal rest with those that have gone before you.

In closing, I wish all of our Slovak Catholic Sokol members continued good health and I hope and pray you will have a wonderful, safe and joyous Thanksgiving holiday.

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



GIVING THANKS

Greetings from Passaic, NJ! It is truly unbelievable how fast time flies by. We are already in the busy month of November and the major events for our Country are happening rapidly. In 2025, we will have a new President, along with new members of



Congress and new local leaders in many districts. The decisions of the newly elected will be felt both short term and long term with positive and negative implications. Regardless of your party affiliation, the hope needs to be a UNITED States of America. We may not like or agree with the people that were elected, but at some point, we all need to come together and understand that we have more in common with each other than people may think. The most important commonality, though, is that we are Americans. We are far from perfect, but I am thankful every day that I live in this great country. I urge everyone to be thankful for what you Do Have, not what you do not.

This time of the year also gives us the opportunity to reflect on those who have served to defend our American way of life. Veterans Day is dedicated to all American veterans, both past and present, to thank them for their selfless service to our country. Historically, this day was known as "Armistice Day" and was first celebrated to mark the end of World War I in 1918, which officially ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. I have never forgotten my Father, a proud veteran himself, teaching me that at a young age. It became a legal federal holiday in 1938 and in 1954; the name

was changed to "Veterans Day" in honor of all soldiers who served. Veterans and soldiers not only fight for our country and strive to keep it safe, but they also protect the people of the countries they are stationed. They make considerable sacrifices during their service and display great courage and valor. While an extra holiday is always welcomed, it should be spent recognizing those brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. There are many ways to show your gratitude towards America's service men and women, but here are few easy ones that would only take a moment of your day:

1. Donate to the USO
2. Proudly display your American Flag
3. Volunteer at a VA Hospital
4. Send a care package to our soldiers through an organization such as, Operation Gratitude
5. Teach your children about Veterans Day and how thankful they should be for the service from our men and women.
6. Simply hug a veteran, tell him or her how much they mean to you.
7. Support your local VFW.
8. Most importantly, remember and celebrate our veterans ALL year long, not just on one day.

Later this month on November 28th, we will have another opportunity to give thanks as we celebrate our American Holiday of Thanksgiving. Historically, Thanksgiving has been a celebration of our blessings throughout the year. As you are with your Family on this special day, take some time, sit back, and reflect on the good in your life. Reflect on the people around you and how much each of them means to you. Be thankful.

I am saddened by the passing of Honorary Supreme Officer and former Editor, Daniel F. Tanzone. Brother Daniel was a true Fraternalist, consummate Sokol, and a friend to many. His life was his work, and our Society was fortunate to be the recipient of all his efforts. His counsel over the years was of utmost importance to me and I will never forget him. He will be deeply missed by all. Rest in peace, Brother Dan.

I would also like to offer our sincerest condolences to the Degnan Family. Brother Marty was a life-long Sokol and pillar in our organization. He was always active on both the local and national levels of our Society and he will be deeply missed.

In the spirit of giving thanks, I am THANKFUL that I knew both these men, worked with them, and considered them both friends.

On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our sons, Reid and Cole, and my entire Family, I wish you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Holiday. May God bless you!

Until next time, have a wonderful month of November and stay warm! Zdar Boh!

SOKOL CALENDAR

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2024

GROUP 3 ANNUAL MEETING at the Sokol Hall, Rt 16, Douglas, MA at 10:00 a.m.. Coffee and danish will be available. All members are welcome to attend and assist in planning events for our upcoming activities. We are hoping to increase participation in our events. I am also requesting you provide me with updated email via email: 89cmpt@gmail.com or text: 508-868-0120. – **Christine Manyak, Group 3 Secretary**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

GROUP 12 ANNUAL MEETING will be held at 12:00 p.m. at the Sokol Hall in Reading, PA. If you are plan to attend contact Joan Antosy at 610-790-4086.

– **Joann Antosy, Group 12 Secretary**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSEMBLY

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**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic**
**ALL SOUL'S DAY CUSTOMS
AND TRADITIONS**

All Souls' Day, in Roman Catholicism, a day for commemoration of all the faithful departed, those baptized Christians who are believed to be



in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. It is observed on November 2. Roman Catholic doctrine holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth will help cleanse these souls in order to fit them for the vision of God in heaven, and the day is dedicated to prayer and remembrance. Masses for the dead are commonly held, and many people visit and sometimes decorate the graves of loved ones. It is part of the three-day triduum dedicated to remembering the dead, beginning with Halloween (October 31) and followed by All Saints' Day (November 1) and All Souls' Day (November 2).

From antiquity certain days were devoted to intercession for particular groups of the dead. The institution of a day for a general intercession on November 2 is due to Odilo, abbot of Cluny (died 1048). The date, which became practically universal before the end of the 13th century, was chosen to follow All Saints' Day. Having celebrated the feast of all the members of the church who are believed to be in heaven, the church on earth turns, on the next day, to commemorate those souls believed to be suffering in purgatory.

Catholics celebrate All Souls' Day in a variety of ways, including:

- Prayer: Catholics pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those who may not be saints.
- Mass: Catholics attend Mass on All Souls' Day, though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.
- Cemetery visits: Catholics visit the graves of their loved ones, pray, and leave flowers or other decorations.
- Lighting candles: Catholics light candles for their loved ones as a space for prayer and remembrance.
- Alms: Catholics give alms.
- Good works: Catholics do good works.
- Soul cakes: Catholics make soul cakes, which are small, round cakes with sweet spices, to commemorate the dead.

MINUTES OF GROUP 6 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of Andrew Hlinka Group 6 was held on October 20, 2024 at the Clubhouse Grille in Rostraver Twp., PA. President Anna Mae Warnick was absent so the meeting was conducted by Vice-President, Dorothy Rudinec.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. with opening prayers of "Our Father", "Hail Mary", and "Gloria Be". Grace was prayed and Lunch was served. The business meeting began at 1:45 p.m. with Dorothy Rudinec welcoming everyone to the meeting.

Minutes from the April semi-annual were read by Secretary, Terri Gardner and approved.

The treasurer report was given by Treasurer, Mary Ann Erdley and approved. Sports Director, Mike Matros reported on the bowling tournament. The group was asked to gather information from their Assemblies and Wreaths.

Terri Gardner relayed information regarding the Christmas party. It will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2024 at the Clubhouse Grille. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, November 26, 2024 to either Terri Gardner at 724 929 8675 or Anna Mae Warnick at 724 736 4032. – **Terri Gardner**



Jennifer Stockdale, GBU Life, and President Elect of the NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance presenting our Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, FIC with a plaque for being the President of the NJ/NY Fraternal Alliance 2023-2024 at the Annual Meeting on October 3, 2024 in Atlantic City, NJ.

SOKOL CALENDAR

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163, Donora, PA at 1:00 p.m. at Dorothy's Place. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual Children's Christmas Party. Please contact Terri Gardner at 724-929-8675 if you plan to attend.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024
GROUP 6 CHRISTMAS PARTY at the Clubhouse Grille. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, November 26, 2024 to either Terri Gardner at 724 929 8675 or Anna Mae Warrnick at 724 736 4032.

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SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

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

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

WHY THANKSGIVING FOOD BECAME SO POPULAR

Thanksgiving foods like turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, and pumpkin pie are more than just delicious, they've become essential parts of the holiday due to their historical roots, seasonal availability, and cultural significance.

Turkey, the star of the meal, became a Thanksgiving staple because it was plentiful and large enough to feed many people. Early American settlers found it practical for big gatherings, and by the mid-19th century, turkey was closely tied to the holiday, especially after President Lincoln's 1863 Thanksgiving proclamation.

Cranberries, native to North America, were harvested by Native Americans long before the Pilgrims arrived. Their natural ripening in the fall made them a fitting addition to the holiday table.

Early settlers cooked them into sauces for preservation, and with the rise of commercial canning in the 1900s, cranberry sauce became an easy and popular Thanksgiving side dish.

Stuffing, with its ancient roots, was brought to America by European settlers who stuffed poultry with bread and herbs to enhance flavor.

Over time, families personalized stuffing recipes, making it a versatile dish that reflects regional and cultural traditions, which has kept it a beloved Thanksgiving favorite.

Mashed potatoes, another comforting and easy to make dish, became popular as potatoes grew into a staple crop in the 18th century. Paired with gravy made from turkey drippings, this combination became the ultimate Thanksgiving comfort food.

Pumpkin pie completes the meal as a symbol of the fall harvest. Pumpkins, also native to America, were used by early settlers to create pies, and by the 19th century, pumpkin pie was a traditional dessert. Its association with the autumn

season and the harvest made it the quintessential Thanksgiving sweet treat.

These foods became popular not just for their flavors, but because they represent the harvest, history, and abundance of early America. Together, they have become synonymous with Thanksgiving, bringing people together each year in celebration of gratitude and tradition.

– Zack Manyak



SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL FRATERNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD NOMINATION DEADLINE – NOVEMBER 15, 2024

Slovak Catholic Sokol members,

Do you know a member who has significantly impacted your local Assembly, Wreath, or Group? Who supports and promotes the Slovak Catholic Sokol? Who is a fraternal role model in their parish and community? If a member you know comes to mind, take a moment and go online to submit a nominee for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist Award.

The deadline to submit a nominee for the Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist Award is November 15, 2024. Please take a moment to nominate a deserving member at https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/scs_foya_nomination_form/form.html

Fraternally yours,
Andrea M. Tadlock, *Supreme Vice-President*

“SOKOL FORWARD”

Megan Antosy



- **Megan Antosy – Group 12 Physical Director and Member of Wreath 155**
- **Community Support: Exeter Area Food Pantry/ Local First Responders**

Megan Antosy’s dedication to supporting her local community through volunteer work is truly inspiring. Her primary focus on collecting personal hygiene items for the Exeter Area Food Pantry demonstrates her commitment to making a positive impact. By collaborating with local organizations, Megan ensures that families in need have access to essential items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, and hand soap. Her efforts not only provide crucial supplies but also promote dignity and health within the Exeter, PA area. Megan’s selfless work serves as a reminder of the profound difference one person can make in the lives of others.

In addition to her work with the food pantry, Megan also recognizes the hard work and dedication of local first responders. Several times a year, she organizes and builds gift baskets filled with snacks, drinks, and baked goods to show appreciation for their service. This thoughtful gesture serves as a reminder of the community’s gratitude for their efforts in keeping everyone safe. Through these initiatives, Megan continues to make a positive impact on the lives of many in her local area. Megan’s dedication and kindness are a shining example of how a single person can make a big difference in the lives of others.



Megan, thank you for helping those less fortunate and displaying your appreciation for others who serve your community. Your Sokol Spirit shines bright through love and kindness. May God continue to bless you in your good works!

If you’d like to submit an entry for a monthly ‘Sokol Forward Spotlight’, please send an email **by the 15th of each month** to 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

I am looking forward to sharing your Sokol Spirit. Thank you for all that you do and keep Sokol Forward! Thank you for all that you do!

Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Vice-President

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Upcoming Events / Activities

November

“Day of Giving”

Each group is being asked to give back to the community by doing a charitable event. Once completed, please write a brief article and send pictures to the Falcon. Additionally, please post on the Facebook page. (ex: visit a senior citizen center, deliver dinners to senior members, help people in your community with holiday shopping, etc)

December

1. Christmas Lights Contest

2. Ugly Christmas Sweater / shirt contest

*** Post your pictures on Facebook. We will vote for the best Christmas Light Display and best Christmas sweater/shirt. More details forthcoming.

The Walking Program is an ongoing activity. Keep track of your miles so that you can submit them at the end of the year to Nancy Kropolinsky at kropolinskynancy@gmail.com

Monthly themes

November- Walk with gratitude and thankful intentions.

December- Take a Wintry Walk.

2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May 16-17	Bowling Tournament	Meadows Casino and Racetrack (Washington, PA)
July 17-20	Slet (Tentative based on numbers)	Slippery Rock University (Slippery Rock, PA)
Aug 8-10	Golf	Oaktree (West Middlesex, PA) Yankee Run (Brookfield Twp., OH)

MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY

Thursday, September 26, 2024 – 3:00 p.m.

Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2024, and greeted all the members of the Board.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, offered the **Opening Prayer**.

Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. took the Roll Call and the following members responded:

- Supreme Chaplain Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC
- Supreme President Larry M. Glugosh
- Supreme Vice-President..... Andrea M. Tadlock
- Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.
- Supreme Treasurer Michael J. Horvath
- General Counsel John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.
- Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors James C. Matlon
- Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Kathleen S. Watkins
- Supreme Physical DirectressKatie Swift
- Supreme Physical Director Dusan Dorich

The record will show that all ten members of the Board of Directors are present. Acknowledged

President Glugosh informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held virtually on June 26, 2024, and published in the August 1, 2024, issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved

President Glugosh then asked our Supreme Secretary to give a brief overview of the **Membership/Sales Report**.

Brother Secretary gave the Board a brief overview of our life and annuity business to date, agency update, and the current agent sales campaigns. He also informed the Board of the various advertising efforts that are currently in place and will be expanded upon in the new year.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Glugosh thanked Brother Secretary for presenting the report. President Glugosh then asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Andrea M. Tadlock. Approved

Brother President then called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano and Mr. Ralph Primavera, **PNC Institutional Asset Management, for the Investment Report**.

Mr. Primavera provided an overview of the recent performance of the economy, financial markets, and PNC’s outlook for the balance of 2024 and 2025. Mr. Calimano then reviewed the overall asset allocation, the equity markets, and corporate earnings. They also reviewed the expectations for the Federal Reserve, inflation trends, and recent activity in the fixed income portfolio.

The team addressed various questions from the Board

and President Glugosh thanked Tom and Raph for their report.

Acknowledged

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

Brother Counsel updated the Board on the current status of the potential sale of the Print Shop. He will update the Board on any developments.

Brother Counsel also updated the Board on the efforts of Brother Secretary and himself in engaging potential buyers for the entire property. He will keep the Board informed of any developments.

Brother President thanked the General Counsel and entertained a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James C. Matlon. Approved

Brother President then called upon Director of Sports and Athletics, Kathleen S. Watkins, for the Physical Fitness Board Report.

Sister Watkins updated the Board on the successful 69th International Golf Tournament held at Treasure Lake Resort in Dubois, PA. Over one hundred Sokol golfers enjoyed this wonderful event. Sister Kathy thanked all the individuals who helped make her first golf tournament as Sports Director a success. All in attendance had a wonderful time and were continually updated on all developments. The final scores have been posted on the website and photos have been published in the Falcon. Congratulations to the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient, Steven M. Pogorelec, Sr.

Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich, and Supreme Physical Directress, Katie Swift, updated the Board on the virtual Clinic held with our Group Directors and Directresses. They also updated the Board on potential sites for the 51st International Slet.

Confirmed sights for the 2025 Sports Program:

May 16-18, 2025	Bowling	Meadows Casino Washington, PA
August 8-10, 2025	Golf	Oaktree Golf Course West Middlesex, PA

Brother President thanked Sister Kathy, Sister Katie, and Brother Dusan for their report and entertained a motion to accept, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq, seconded by Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. Horvath.

Approved

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

The Board discussed the Fraternalist of the Year Nominations and the deadline for submission is November 15, 2024.

The Board also had a discussion regarding the Falcon and its future in the Organization. The Board agreed that a more web-based approach may be cost effective and more beneficial for the organization. Acknowledged

GROUP 1 GOLF TOURNAMENT HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 AT PREAKNESS VALLEY GOLF COURSE IN WAYNE, NJ



After discussions with our Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, the Supreme Secretary informed the Board members that the date for the **next Supreme Board of Directors meeting** will be December 7, 2024, with travel dates being December 6th and December 8th, 2024. Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Physical Director, Dusan Dorich. Approved

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic, offered the **Closing Prayer** for all those in need as well as for all the ill and deceased members of the Organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Zdar Boh!

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



GROUP 16 ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 5, 2024 IN THE HERITAGE ROOM AT SAINT CYRIL AND METHODIUS CHURCH IN STERLING HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN

The meeting began with Opening Prayer of Hope and Peace by President John Papcun.

President John Papcun Called to Order the Annual Meeting of the Slovak Catholic Sokol's Group 16 at 3:00 PM at St. Cyril and Methodius Church in Sterling Heights Michigan.

1. Opening Prayer
2. Meeting Called to Order
3. Opening Statement
4. All Attendees Sign in Sheet (Officers & Members)
5. Roll Call (Sign In Sheet) presented to Secretary.
6. Enter Minutes from Previous Year (Motion to Accept)
7. Report of Group 16 Officers (Motion to Accept)
8. Report of Assembly 36 Officers (Motion to Accept)
9. Report of 2023-2024 Activities (Refer to President's Report)
10. Open Forum: Discussions and Proposals
11. Contributions to Charities
12. Adjournment (Motion to Close)

President John Papcun presented his Opening Statement. We are Blessed with Group 16 and Hope to continue for many years to come.

All Attendees Sign In Sheet (Officers and Members).

The opening statement was followed by an Officer Roll Call which noted the attendance of the following:

President: John Papcun

Vice President: Stephen Papcun

Secretary: Sharon Papcun

Treasurer: Laverne Eland

Auditor: Sharon Papcun

Enter MINUTES from Previous Year (Motion to Accept)

Group Officer Reports, as well as Assembly/ Wreath President Reports, were subsequently submitted. Highlights of each Officer Reports are duly noted here:

President John Papcun:

As your President I am pleased to report that Group 16 had an active and prosperous year. Our previous annual meeting was held on November 11, 2023 Since then we have participated in the Saint Cyril and Methodius Food for the Needy program for the Christmas season. We have one entry for the walking program and in May we introduced ourselves to the Burgess—Shadbush Nature Center in Celebration for "Join Hands Day!" A one-hundred-dollar check was presented and Sokol information was distributed. Our Sokol Day Picnic was a success on June 29, 2023, thanks to the efforts our officers and volunteers. In July, an information table was on display at the Sokol Detroit annual Czech and Slovak Festival. The event took place at the Sokol Cultural Center in Dearborn Heights Michigan. We are proud to be associated with Czech and Slovak Sokols. A trip to Rossford Ohio was in order to make a donation to "All Saints" Church and School at the behest of Joan

Pupik whom had announced her retirement in April at our Assembly 36 meeting. On behalf of Group 16 we presented a certificate of achievement award and a bouquet of flowers for her 46 years of dedicated service for Assembly 214 in Rossford. Also, a merger of Assemblies 36 and 214 was agreed upon and confirmed by headquarters. We had three participants in bowling and initially seven in the International Golf Tournaments. We hope to continue our efforts for the remainder of 2024 and into 2025. I commend all our officers and volunteer participants. ZDAR BOH!!!
Fraternally yours,
John M. Papcun

Vice President Stephen Papcun:

Stephen reported as Vice President he completed all requests/requirements relative to his responsibilities. Note: Financial Report submitted by Stephen Papcun for Assembly 36.

Secretary: Sharon Papcun:

Sharon reported that in accordance with our Slovak Catholic Sokol Bylaws, as secretary of Group 16, I have fulfilled my clerical obligation to record the minutes of our 2024 annual meeting. I accepted this position at our 2023 annual Group 16 meeting held November 11, 2023 upon the retirement of Mark Papcun. I would like to Thank Mark for his fine example and tutelage and wish him well in retirement.

Treasurer Laverne Eland:

Laverne reported that as treasurer of Group 16 she fulfilled her duties to the best of her ability having kept the books, did the banking, making deposits and disbursement checks when needed.

Sports Director Beth Penxa:

Beth was granted a personal leave of absence in late August however, her report will be forthcoming. President John Papcun reported that Beth had fulfilled all requests/requirements relative to her responsibilities as Sports Director prior to her need for leave of absence.

Auditors:

Auditor Sharon Papcun verified the accuracy and integrity of the Treasurers Financial Report.

A Motion to Accept in unison all submitted reports was proposed by member John Papcun, seconded by LaVerne Eland and unanimously approved.

Assembly 36:

The minutes of April Assembly 36 meeting were accepted.

Assembly 214:

Assembly 214 Merged Successfully with Assembly 36, Thanks to the diligent and assertive efforts of President

John Papcun with the assistance of Joan Pupik from Assembly 214 to make the merger a "Success" and an exceptionally smooth transition. Thank you, Joan and John, again for your assertive efforts in accomplishing this Merger, Well Done!!!

Report of 2023-2024 Activities: *Refer to President's Report

The year's activities were highlighted by President John Papcun. See John's Report in his Presidential Report. He encourages all members, to the extent possible, to continue participation in these types of fraternal events.

OPEN FORUM: Discussions and Proposals

Proposal: Introduced by President John Papcun in agreement with Treasurer LaVerne Eland and Unanimously agreed upon by remaining officers.

Officers' salaries were reviewed, voted on and Officers salaries will be Increased as follows: Each Officer will receive a \$50.00 Increase in their salaries, with the exception of the Auditor's Salaries whom each will receive a \$15.00 Increase.

Contributions to Charities:

Donation designations as follows: To Be Determined
Note: *All Recommendations Welcome. Recommendations will be considered. Contact President John Papcun with your ideas to Donate to Charities.

2025 Planned Activities:

Sokol Walking Program (January 2025)
Email Initiative Brian Papcun/Beth Penxa
Group 16 Facebook Page Brian Papcun/Beth Penxa
Assembly Meeting (April 2025) To Be Announced
Hands Across America (May 2025) To Be Announced
Summer Reading Program (2025) To Be Announced
Sokol Picnic (June 28, 2025) @ Nature Center
Holiday Packages John and Colleen Papcun
Recommendations Welcome

A Motion to Adjourn the meeting submitted by Laverne Eland. The motion was seconded by Stephen Papcun. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned.

These MINUTES dutifully submitted by Secretary, Sharon Papcun.

GROUP 9 ANNUAL MEETING – OCTOBER 6, 2024 ANTHONY'S RESTAURANT, JOHNSTOWN, PA

Attendance: All officers and twenty-six delegates were in attendance. The chaplain was absent.

President Joann Spisak called the meeting to order and led the membership in a prayer for deceased members followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

No correspondence was received since the previous meeting.

Reports:

President, Joann Spisak reported that she attended the yearly meeting.

Vice President, Gary Risko attended the yearly meeting and participated in the golf and bowling tournaments.

Treasurer, Susan Blazosky kept accurate records of the books/finances.

Secretary Alice Poderbarac attended the yearly meeting and presented the minutes to the membership.

Auditors, Paul Glovany & Robert Kunrod reviewed the books at the annual meeting and reported that they were in balance.

New Business:

Group 9 Donation:

After some discussion, Alice Podrebarac made a motion to donate \$100.00 to the Gabriel Project. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Election of Officers:

President Spisak opened the floor for the nominations of officers for Group 9. The slate of officers includ-

ed:

Gary Risko- President
Joann Spisak- Vice President
Susan Blazosky- Treasurer
Amy Dobbins- Secretary
Ron Dobbins-Auditor
Paul Glovany-Auditor

After closing the slate of officers, President Spisak called for the vote. The slate was unanimously approved by the membership.

Next meeting:

The next meeting of Group 9 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol will be held in 2025 and hosted by Lilly.

Payment of Bills:

Gary Risko made a motion authorizing the treasurer to pay all bills. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Hearing no new business, Jim Bart made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Poderbarac

Group 9 Secretary



KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" November 2024

History of Veterans Day



On November 11, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the morning, something remarkable happened. The fighting in World War I, also known as "The Great War," came to an end. This day was initially called Armistice Day to honor those who bravely served in the U.S. military during World War I. In 1938, Armistice Day became an official holiday in the United States. People celebrate by having parades and public events starting at 11 in the morning.

After World War II, some brave soldiers asked the government to make a special day to thank all the soldiers who fought for our country. So, in 1954, November 11th became Veterans Day, a day to honor and thank all the veterans who served in the military.

A Thank You to all Veterans for your service to our country! God Bless you all!

To learn more about Veterans Day, go to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs at <https://department.va.gov/veterans-day/history-of-veterans-day/>





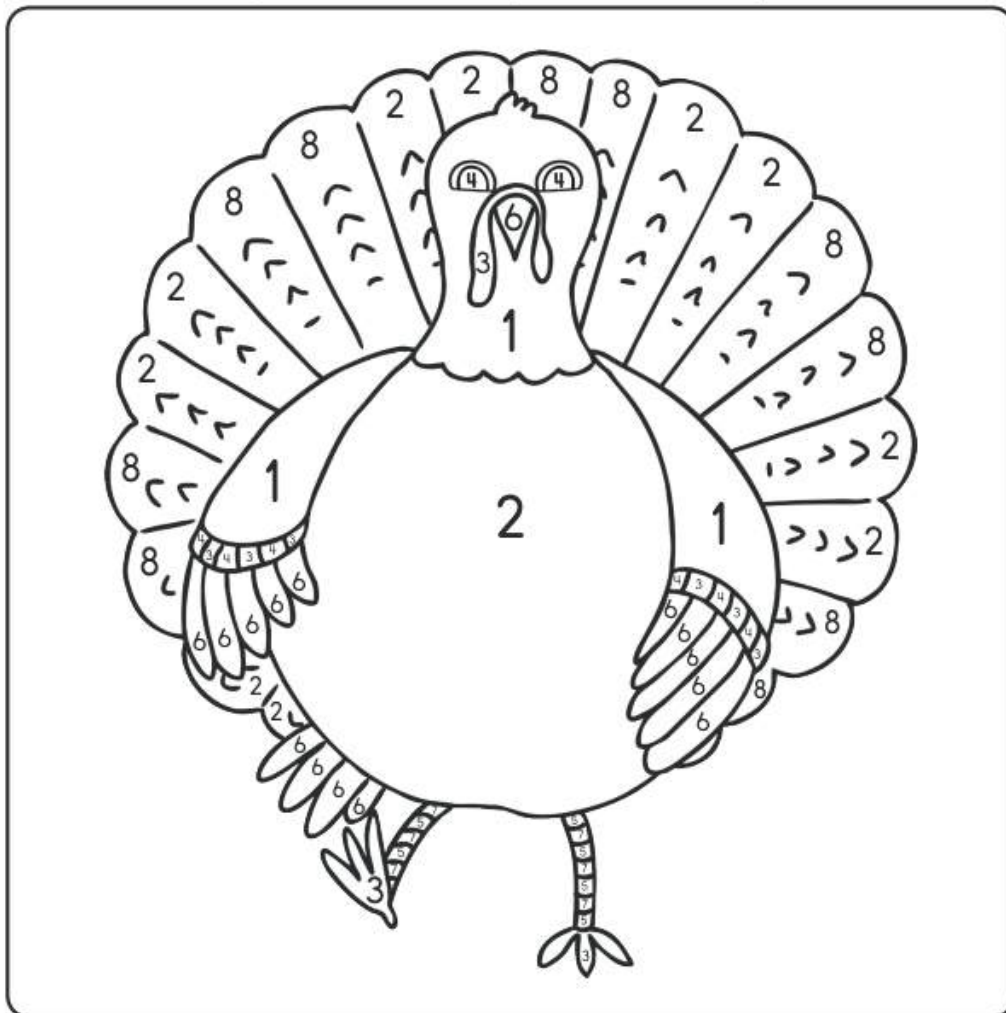
KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

November 2024

Thanksgiving Turkey Color by Number

Use the key to color the picture.

1 brown	2 light brown	3 red	4 green
5 blue	6 yellow	7 purple	8 orange





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

November 2024

Giving Thanks

thankful	family	cornucopia
celebrate	feast	friends
feast	turkey	November
Thanksgiving	holiday	



Douglas Banfield, Jr 11/2
 Brynlee Bilski 11/13
 Alyssa Peterson 11/20
 Madison Eickenberg 11/30

**Congratulations
 to
 Colin Swift
 from
 Group 14!
 The Winner of
 the Word
 Detective
 Worksheet!**



Send me your Thanksgiving Word Search for a Chance to Win a Prize!!

If you want to win a **\$25 gift card**, send me a copy of your word search by **November 30th**. I'll randomly select a winner from all the entries I receive. **GOOD LUCK!!**

Send your completed entry by email to vp@slovakcatholicsokol.org with your name, group, address, and email address.

SLOVAK HERITAGE SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA



Board members of the Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania along with their new Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic. Seated, left to right are: Helen Bacumpas, Anthony Palischak, Anna Hudock, and Dorothy Sullivan. Standing left to right are: Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic, Michael Stretanski, Elaine Palischak, and Robert Zavada. Absent was Constance Plewniak.

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern Pennsylvania held their Annual Meeting at The Café Route 315 on September 11, 2024. Twenty-eight members were in attendance. Board members gave oral reports on the activities that were held during the year and the financial status of the society was presented by the treasurer, Helen Bacumpas.

Elaine Palischak announced that Rev. John Albosta resigned as Chaplain.

She thanked him for his many years of service and presented him with a gift from the society. Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdivic has agreed to serve as Chaplain.

Elaine Palischak announced the activities planned for the year. Upcoming events include a Mass honoring Living and Deceased Veterans and the celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

A Mass honoring Living and Deceased veterans will be celebrated at the Chapel of Christ the King at King's College, 20 W. North Street, Wilkes-Barre, PA on Tuesday, November 26, 2024 at 12:05 P.M. The chapel is handicapped accessible.

The Feast of St. Nicholas will be celebrated on Sunday, December 8, 2024 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston, PA at 2:00 P.M. The church is handicapped accessible. An afternoon filled with song and storytelling of past Slovak Christmas traditions will take place. Refreshments will be served followed by fellowship. Everyone is invited to participate free of charge; a free-will offering will be accepted.

For further information, call Anna Hudock at 570 510-1655.

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

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 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 October 19, 188 donors have given a total of \$27,248.00 to the 2024 Appeal. Among the 48 gifts received from various Catholic Slovak Fraternal Branches and Districts, donations totaling \$1,600 have been received from 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. Donations to date have also been received from 8 parishes, 27 clergy and religious, and 105 individuals. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone who wishes to contribute to the 2024 Appeal but did not receive a solicitation letter in January 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, 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. 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 Parish, Pennel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.



46TH ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

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, Pennel, PA 19047-4052*

TIPS FOR COOKING THE PERFECT THANKSGIVING TURKEY

Thawing a frozen turkey requires patience. The safest method is to thaw turkey in the refrigerator. Be sure to plan ahead — it takes approximately 4-5 days for a 20-pound turkey to fully defrost.

For crisper skin, unwrap the turkey the day before roasting and leave it uncovered in the refrigerator overnight.

When calculating your roasting time, plan on about 15 minutes per pound.

Cook the turkey on a rack of vegetables. Create a natural roasting rack for your turkey by layering carrots, onions and celery on the bottom of the roasting pan. Lifting the turkey off the base of the pan helps to increase hot air circulation around the whole bird so that it will get crispy all over. And the vegetables add great flavor to the gravy.

Brining is an easy way to a moist and flavorful turkey. A typical brining solution contains water, salt, sugar and a variety of spices and aromatics. Just be sure to follow a trusted recipe so you get the right proportion of each.

Keep the stuffing on the side. Cooking the stuffing in the turkey can provide ground for the growth of harmful bacteria. In addition, a stuffed turkey will take longer to cook, which could result in drier white meat. Instead, loosely fill the turkey with aromatics such as onions and herbs, and cook the stuffing separately.

Before putting the turkey in the oven, make sure the skin of the turkey is as dry as possible, and then rub it all over with butter or oil. For even moister meat, place pats of butter under the skin.

Skip the basting. Basting means more oven door opening, resulting in temperature fluctuations that can dry out your bird. Instead, keep your turkey moist by brining it or by rubbing it all over with butter or oil.

Check for doneness by inserting an instant-read thermometer in the thickest part of the turkey around the thigh, avoiding the bone. At 165 degrees F, it's done. The turkey will continue to cook as it rests, so the temperature should rise another 10 degrees or so out of the oven.

To lock in juices, tent your turkey with foil and let it rest for at least 15 to 20 minutes before carving. Be sure you don't cover the turkey too tightly as you don't want the bird to steam under the foil.

FACTS ABOUT THANKSGIVING

- The first Thanksgiving took place in 1621.
- Every Thanksgiving, the current U.S. president pardons a turkey.
- Macy's has put on a parade every Thanksgiving since 1924.
- Thanksgiving is the biggest travel day of the year.
- The foods eaten for Thanksgiving dinner haven't changed much since 1621.
- Americans eat over 280 million turkeys every Thanksgiving.
- Cranberries are native to North America.
- There is an official Thanksgiving postage stamp.
- The wishbone tradition is much older than Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIVING RECIPES

TURKEY IN A CUP

In a small bowl, beat 1/2 cup spinach dip and 4 oz softened cream cheese with electric mixer on high speed about 1 minute or until well mixed. Cut turkey head from yellow bell pepper. Cut 1/2-inch triangle from red bell pepper for turkey wattle. Cut 1/2x1-inch strips from desired colors of bell peppers for feathers. Spoon 2 tablespoons dip into each of 5 (2- to 3-oz) cups. Place turkey head in cup; attach peas for eyes using spinach dip. Insert pepper triangle for turkey wattle. Place colored pepper strips behind head for feathers.



GREEN BEAN CASSEROLE

Cook 2 pounds green beans in boiling salted water until crisp-tender, 5 minutes; drain. Sauté the green beans with 1 pound sliced button mushrooms in 2 tablespoons butter in a large ovenproof skillet over medium heat, 5 minutes. Add 1 teaspoon each minced garlic and kosher salt, and 1/4 teaspoon allspice; cook 2 minutes. Add 1/4 cup instant flour.



Whisk in 1 cup each chicken broth and half-and-half; bring to a boil. Top with canned fried onions. Bake at 400 degrees F until bubbly, 15 to 20 minutes.

PERFECT CRANBERRY SAUCE

Empty a 12-ounce bag of fresh or frozen cranberries into a saucepan and transfer 1/2 cup to a small bowl. Add 1 cup sugar, 1 strip orange or lemon zest and 2 tablespoons water to the pan and cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until the sugar dissolves and the cranberries are soft, about 10 minutes. Increase the heat to medium and cook until the cranberries burst, about 12 minutes. Reduce the heat to low and stir in the reserved cranberries. Add sugar, salt and pepper to taste and cool to room temperature before serving.



BASIC STUFFING

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. Melt 1 stick butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add 2 cups each diced onions and celery, 2 chopped apples and 1 tablespoon each minced sage and thyme; season with salt and pepper and cook 5 minutes. Add 3 cups chicken broth and bring to a simmer. Whisk 2 eggs with 1/4 cup chopped parsley in a large bowl; add 16 cups cubed stale country white bread, then pour in the vegetable-broth mixture and toss. Transfer to a buttered 3-quart baking dish and dot with more butter. Cover and bake 30 minutes, then uncover and bake until golden, 20 more minutes.



ASCA TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS VILIIJA MEAL

It's hard to believe that it is already time for our American Slovak Cultural Association of the Mahoning Valley's Viliija dinner, a tradition that we help keep alive every December. It will be on December 15th starting at 4 p.m. in St. Christine's church hall at 3165 S Schenley Ave, Youngstown, OH 44511.



We worked very hard to keep the price the same as last year at only \$25 per person (\$10 4-11years, free for 3 & under).

Please remember there are no meals purchased at the door. There will be the traditional Slovak Christmas Eve meal starting with Kapustnica polievka, a wonderful mushroom /cabbage soup, oplatky and honey, pirohy, baked fish, and peas followed with nut and popyseed kolač and an apple.

We will also have a lotto tree, a 50/50 raffle and a basket raffle. And we will use this event to present our \$1000 scholarships to the winners or their representative. All in all, it will be a wonderful evening. We hope you can come and join us!

If you would like a reservation form please text, email or call Loretta Ekoniak: loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com, (text) 330-921-1358 or phone (330-549-3760).



Students and their families enjoyed a hike and hotdog cookout on the grounds of Saint Cyril Preschool and Kindergarten. Sunshine and smiles marked the family event. The day spent outdoors was a beautiful gift from God our Creator. Sister Donna Marie serves as principal of the Danville school sponsored by the Sisters of Saints Cyril Methodius.

– Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



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

PELLEGRINI: UN BACKBONE OF WORLD ORDER DESPITE SHORTCOMINGS

New York, September 25 (TASR-correspondent) - The UN, despite its shortcomings, is the backbone of a world order based on rules and international law, Slovak President Peter Pellegrini said during the 79th UN General Assembly in New York on Wednesday.

Pellegrini noted in this vein, that “there are countries and entities among us that believe that the absence of rules will be the breeding ground for their future success” and that “they believe that force is above the law”, adding that such an attitude will one day come back to haunt them.

The president noted that there has been a war in Ukraine, Slovakia’s neighbour, for almost one thousand days. Pellegrini called the war “the result of Russia’s aggression, which violated such basic principles of international law as sovereignty and territorial integrity”. Pellegrini noted that Ukraine is legitimately defending itself against this aggression. He expressed concern at the escalation of the conflict and called for a “peaceful, sustainable and just end” to the conflict on the basis of international law.

At the same time, the president touched upon the war in the Gaza Strip and the collapse of the state in Haiti and Sudan.

Pellegrini went on to criticise the lack of political will among members of the UN Security Council to resolve armed conflicts. According to him, this is a consequence of the fact that Council members can keep each other in check. Addressing the discussion of a possible in-depth reform of the UN, Pellegrini declared that Slovakia is ready to help with this “legitimate effort”. At the same time, he highlighted the role of regional associations, such as the EU and NATO. He spoke against the division into the global North and South and instead recommended looking at which countries follow rules and which countries don’t. Pellegrini also touched on the spread of misinformation. “It is of utter importance that we speak out against those who abuse words by giving them alternate or even opposite meanings,” he said. On this note, he also mentioned climate change and criticised its denial.

According to the president, the role of the UN and its institutions is protecting freedom, human rights and dignity, but also fighting against poverty and improving public health, including maintaining vaccination standards. Another topic that the president touched upon was migration. “We must not forget that most of our ancestors across Europe were refugees too - when they fled before war, poverty or persecution during Nazism or Communism,” he declared, calling for the introduction of clear rules and measures to help source, transit and destination countries of migration. It is also legitimate, he said, to point out security

risks of migration, in particular irregular migration, but this must be done in a calm manner.

MILITARY AIRCRAFT PICKED UP SLOVAKS IN LEBANON

A military aircraft left for Lebanon on Friday (October 4) to pick up Slovaks in Lebanon.

It also took to Lebanon a humanitarian shipment of food and medical supplies of more than two tons. In addition, Slovakia is cooperating with other countries that have expressed interest in helping their citizens to return.

“Our embassy is constantly in contact with the citizens of the Slovak Republic in Lebanon, who receive all the necessary information to decide whether they are interested in the evacuation. Currently, 31 Slovak citizens are registered, including employees of the embassy and their family members,” said head of Slovak diplomacy Juraj Blanar, adding that the Slovak embassy in Beirut continues to operate in the necessary crisis mode.

Slovakia is also cooperating with other countries in the evacuation to assist the citizens of these countries in leaving Lebanon. More than 40 citizens of Armenia, the Czech Republic, France, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, the United States of America, and Serbia have so far requested the use of Slovak evacuation flights. They are to be transported to Larnaca, Cyprus, by the Slovak military aircraft.

BRATISLAVA TRANSPORT MUSEUM OPENS EXHIBITION TO MARK 110 YEARS OF VIENNA TRAMWAY

The Slovak Technical Museum (STM) - the Transport Museum in Bratislava on Thursday opened an exhibition to mark 110 years since the launch of the Vienna Tramway.

The exhibition was organised on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of this specialised museum, which documents the history of transport in Slovakia, presenting and expertly managing collected exhibits of road, rail and water transport.

The current exhibition will take visitors back to 1914, when Bratislava and Vienna were connected by a local electric railway. The new transport connection between two important cities of the-then monarchy enjoyed great interest among the population and was also a technical attraction. “In the first year of its operation alone, 3 million passengers were transported on the route from Vienna to Presporok [the Slovak name for Bratislava at the time]. In the-then Presporok this line was known among people as the ‘Vienna Tramway,’” said the exhibition’s curator Michal Jajcaj. He emphasised that it was an electric railway, which was not a common thing in those days, as steam engines were used by most rail services.

The exhibition will feature the interesting history of the Vienna Tramway via information panels and exhibits in the

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form of period artefacts, documents and models of the vehicles that were used on this line.

The exhibition will be open to the public between October 11 and September 30, 2025.

FOUR OFFICIALS DISMISSED OVER ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PREMIER

Two directors of the Office for the Protection of Constitutional Officials and Diplomatic Missions have been dismissed over the assassination attempt on Premier Robert Fico (Smer-SD), Interior Minister Matus Sutaj Estok (Voice-SD) stated on Tuesday, adding that he also dismissed the regional deputy of the police in Trenčín and the district director of the Police Corps in Handlova (Trenčín region) in the summer.

On the assassination attempt, Sutaj Estok received a report from the director of the Office for the Protection of Constitutional Officials. "The factual background was stated there. The main critical factor that emerged from that report was that in 2023 training for the members of the Office for the Protection of Constitutional Officials was neglected. They didn't go through the training that they should have gone through, and on that basis, personal accountability was also drawn," he stated, adding that security clearances were also neglected in 2023 and in the years before. According to the minister, the officers who were dismissed were not members of the Police Corps who were present at the shooting of the premier, but officials.

As for the report on the circumstances surrounding the May 15 assassination attempt against Prime Minister Robert Fico (Smer-SD), Sutaj Estok noted that it's being drafted by the Slovak Intelligence Service (SIS), he's not familiar with its details and has no access to the investigation file. "The report is to be submitted to Parliament by the end of the year at the very latest," claimed the minister, who hopes that at least a part of it will be declassified for the public.

The prime minister was shot following an away-from-home cabinet meeting in Handlova on May 15 by Juraj C. [name abbreviated due to legal reasons], who is now being prosecuted for a particularly serious crime of terrorist attack. The attacker caused several serious injuries by shooting at the premier five times from a close range.

SLOVAKIA GETS EC APPROVAL FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FOURTH RECOVERY PLAN PAYMENT

Slovakia received approval for the full payment of the fourth instalment from the recovery plan, head of the National Implementation and Coordination Authority's communication department Olga Dubravská has told TASR, adding that the European Commission confirmed that the penal amendment doesn't contradict the milestones of the recovery plan.

"We've met all fifteen milestones in the fourth payment request, which guarantees us a payment of €799 million. After assessing the additional information, the EC concluded that the original milestone concerning the fight against corruption and the independence of the judiciary is not considered to have been reversed and therefore the ap-

plication is positively evaluated," said Vice-Premier for the Recovery Plan Peter Kmec (Voice-SD).

The value of the entire application was €923 million. After deducting the part of the pre-financing Slovakia has already received, a payment of €799 million is expected in the next few days. This funding will make it possible to implement a number of reforms, such as improving the integration and financing of long-term social and health care, and reforming guidance and prevention in the area of mental health support for children, pupils and students.

"This example shows that the negotiations with the European Commission are conducted at a very professional and correct level and I'll be glad if we don't make the recovery plan in Slovakia a political competition. Let's focus on the result and be proud of what we've achieved today," stated Kmec.

Slovakia has submitted four applications so far. The recovery plan foresees a total of nine payments until its end in 2026. Slovakia will submit the fifth payment application in December this year.



The region of Nitra is made up of a low plain. It adjoins Hungary to the south with the Danube forming a border between the two countries. The city of Nitra with a current population of 70,000, ranks among the oldest settlements in Slovakia. As early as the ninth century, it was a princely seat of the Great Moravian Empire. The first Christian church was dedicated there in 833 A.D. In 863, the great Apostles of the Slavs, Saints Cyril and Methodius arrived in the area and began the evangelization of the Slovaks. In 880, the Diocese of Nitra was established. It was the oldest diocese to be established on the territory of the western Slavs. Its cathedral-basilica dedicated to St. Emeram is Slovakia's oldest. In 1248, Nitra became an independent royal town. It suffered from several of the Turkish invasions in the seventeenth century. Nitra castle, which houses the cathedral complex and extensive museum and treasury, is one of the area's most popular tourist attractions. A number of art galleries offer various exhibitions and the Andrej Bagar Theatre offers the best in drama, comedy and the musical arts.

OBITUARIES

DANIEL F. TANZONE

Our former editor Daniel F. Tanzzone passed on Friday, October 18.

A native of Yonkers, N.Y., Daniel F. Tanzzone was born there April 1, 1947 son of the late Daniel J. Tanzzone and the former Mary R. Yancus. His paternal grandparents were natives of the village of San Feli in the Calabria region of southern Italy, while his maternal grandparents, John and Elizabeth Yurco Yancus were born in the village of Fricovce in eastern Slovakia. His Slovak grandparents emigrated to the United States in June 1895 and settled in Yonkers, where they were among the founders of the former Most Holy Trinity Slovak Parish there and were the tenth marriage solemnized in the new parish on July 6, 1895.



Dan was graduated from the former Most Holy Trinity School where his teachers were the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius. He is a 1965 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English at Holy Apostles Seminary College in Cromwell, Conn. in 1971. He pursued graduate studies at Fairfield University, and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill.

He has been active in the Slovak Catholic Sokol since 1964. He was elected as a Member of the Physical Fitness Board of Group 1 in 1968. He began serving as an officer of Assembly 219 in Yonkers while in his early twenties. He served as president of Assembly 219. He was elected a Supreme Auditor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1975. He began serving as the assistant to Editor John C. Sciranka, his longtime mentor and inspiration, in March 1979. Following the death of Brother Sciranka in October 1980, he assumed the position of editor of the *Slovak Catholic Falcon*. He has served in this capacity for the past 37 years. As a representative of the Sokol, he has served as president of both the New York and the New England Fraternal Alliance. The 32nd quadrennial convention elected him an Honorary Supreme Officer.

He has also been active in the work of the Slovak League of America, a civic and cultural organization of Americans of Slovak ancestry. In 1976, he served on the Editorial Board of the Slovak League which published the book, "Slovaks in America, A Bicentennial Study." That same year, he penned the book, "Slovaks of Yonkers, New York." He was first elected as national president in 1985 and served until 1993. He was again elected president in 2006, a position he currently holds. He

also served as a member of the Executive Board of the Slovak Catholic Federation, an organization which promotes and coordinates activities among Slovak Catholic fraternal societies and parishes in the United States. He is a past president of the organization's Eastern Region.

He was active at the former Most Holy Trinity Parish in Yonkers, NY until its closing in 2015. There, he was a former parish trustee and president of the parish council. He also served on the finance committee of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in Manhattan. He was a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the National Slovak Society and the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union.

Over the years, he has been the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions. In 1980, he was honored for his work by the New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival. In 1995, he received the Presidential Gold Medal of Slovakia's first president, Michal Kovac during his U.S. visit. In 1996, Pope St. John Paul II, at the recommendation of the Slovak Catholic Federation awarded Dan the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Medal" - For the Church and the Pontiff, for his activities in various Church related causes. In 1999, the Sisters of SS. Cyril and Methodius of Danville, PA presented him with the Saints Cyril and Methodius Award for Evangelization and Inculturation of Peoples. That same year, he was honored as Man of the Year of the Pulaski Police Association of Westchester County. In 2005, he was solemnly invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York by the Archbishop of New York, Edward Cardinal Egan.

Brother Dan was also the recipient of the 2017 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year.

Civically, Dan has served on a number of city and county boards. In 1974, he was named a member of the Yonkers Youth Advisory Council. In 1975, he was named to the Westchester County Board. On two occasions, he served on the Mayor's Blue Ribbon Panel in Yonkers, a screening panel for candidates being considered for membership on the city's Board of Education. For eight years, 1986-1994, he served on the Yonkers Civil Service Commission.

As a journalist, Dan has contributed numerous articles over the years to a variety of publications. He serves on the editorial board of "Slovakia" a scholarly journal published by the Slovak League. He has been an officer of the Slovak Newspapermen's Association of America for many years.

Dan retired as Editor of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in December 2017.

Visitation was on Wednesday, October 30 at Duchinsky-Cherko Funeral Home in Yonkers, NY. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 31 at St. Casimir Church in Yonkers, NY.

Rest in peace Brother Dan!

MARTIN ANDREW “MARTY” DEGNAN

Martin Andrew “Marty” Degnan passed the afternoon of Wednesday, October 2, 2024 while in the care of the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center, Plains Township following April 18, 1968 in Wilkes-Barre, he was one of eight children to Mrs. Marie M. (Heylek) Degnan, North Wilkes-Barre and the late Edward James Degnan II.



Educated locally in the Catholic faith, Marty was a 1986 graduate of the former Bishop Hoban High School, Wilkes-Barre where he previously served as an assistant baseball coach. He later furthered his education by attaining a bachelor's degree in English from King's College.

Marty loved people and worked for many years in hospitality. He previously served as bar tender for the North End Slovak Citizens' Club; the former Bobby's Place in North End; Senunas' Bar on North Main Street and worked at the Young Men's Christian Association, downtown. Most recently he was employed as a cook at Chacko's Family Bowling Center in Wilkes-Barre.

Proud of his Slovak heritage, Marty held a national office as the Supreme Assistant Physical Director of the Slovak Catholic Sokols. Locally, he held membership in the Group 7, Father Joseph Murgas Sokols where he served as current vice president and previously served as the physical director for the group. Socially, he also held membership in the North End Slovak Citizens Club, North Wilkes-Barre and the Polish American Veterans Club of Plains Township.

Marty was preceded in death by his father, Mr. Edward James Degnan II on January 9, 1987; by his brother, Mr. Edward James “Eddy” Degnan III on October 23, 2013 and most recently by a brother-in-law, Mr. Michael L. Popovich on April 22, 2023.

Marty will be greatly missed by all those who knew and loved him in this life. Left to cherish all the wonderful memories they now keep of him in addition to his mother, Marie, with whom he resided, are sisters; Patricia Popovich, North Wilkes-Barre; Kathleen Plaviak and her husband David of Mountain Top; Suzanne Horn and her husband Thomas of New Smyrna, Florida; Marie Janosov and her husband Robert, Wilkes-Barre; Alison Malenovitch and her husband Matthew of Parsons and Amy M. Blasco along with her husband Gary of Plains Township; Sixteen nieces and nephews; 19 great-nieces and great-nephews; Maternal aunt Margaret Susa of Bethlehem; Maternal uncle John Heylek of Wilkes-Barre Township; Numerous cousins, fellow Sokols and many dear friends.

Funeral services for Marty were conducted on Mon-

day, October 7 with funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. in Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish at Saint Aloysius Church, 143 West Division Street, Wilkes-Barre. The Reverend Richard J. Cirba, V.F., pastor served as celebrant and homilist. Interment with the Rite of Committal was held privately and at the convenience of the Degnan Family.

In lieu of floral tributes, the family would be humbled if those wishing to make a monetary donation in Marty's memory, kindly give consideration to Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship, www.SlovakCatholicSokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm

It is with heaviness of hearts that we announce the passing of our Supreme Assistant Physical Director, Marty Degnan. Marty passed away on the afternoon of October 2, 2024. Marty fought a valiant battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family, after receiving the holy sacrament of last rights from Group 7 Chaplain, Father Richard Cirba.

Born on Thursday, April 18, 1968 in Wilkes-Barre, PA, he was one of eight children to Mrs. Marie M. (Heylek) Degnan, North Wilkes-Barre and the late Edward James Degnan II.

Marty was always a kind soul, friendly face and the ‘go to’ person that so many of us leaned on. He was quick with a joke, had a great sense of humor and loved fiercely. Marty was up for a good time but was ready to jump in for any hard times.

Sokols is such a huge part of all us. The outpouring of love from local members, as well as members from far away, filled the room. In good Sokol fashion, we all toasted our beloved Marty with one last shot of crown royal. We, along with Supreme Sports Directoress Kathleen Watkins and Assistant Supreme Sports Director Rob Palchanis, were honored to be asked to participate in the funeral mass by presenting the holy gifts to Father Cirba.

We have had the honor of serving on the Supreme Physical Fitness Board with Marty for over 20 years. Marty was not only our very good friend but also our chosen family. We have laughed, cried and supported each other over our many years together. Marty has been one of the leading figures in our organization and will be missed. Fr. Cirba, Chaplain of Group 7 and celebrant of the wake and memorial holy mass, truly honored Marty's life. Father stressed that memories do not die, they live within us forever. We are positive a little piece of Marty will live forever in all of our hearts.

Rest In Peace Dear Friend,
Supreme Directress Katie Swift
and Supreme Director Dusan Dorich

NA SLOVENSKO PRICHÁDZA NOVÁ INVESTÍCIA

Spoločnosť Hyundai Mobis plánuje výrazne rozšíriť svoje pôsobenie na Slovensku. Nový závod na výrobu komponentov predovšetkým do elektromobilov plánuje spoločnosť vybudovať v Novákoch. Celková investícia by mala dosiahnuť viac ako 170 mil. eur. Štát by ju mal podporiť aj investičným stimulom.

„Transformácia tohto regiónu vyžaduje, aby sme našli pre ľudí, ktorí prišli o prácu, zmysluplnú alternatívu,” uviedol premiér. Robert Fico Projekt by mal do regiónu priniesť približne 270 nových pracovných miest. Fico pritom verejne prisľúbil, že vláda prijme všetky opatrenia, aby zabezpečili dostatok kvalifikovanej pracovnej sily. Investori už podľa jeho slov predstavili plánované zmeny v školstve, ale aj podporu príchodu zamestnancov zo zahraničia.

Ako pripomenul predseda vlády, Slovensko má najväčšiu koncentráciu výroby automobilov na celom svete. „Táto koncentrácia so sebou prináša výhody ale aj riziká, a preto musí byť Slovensko pripravené na dramatické zmeny, ku ktorým dochádza,” zdôraznil. Poukázal na špeciálne rokovanie vlády k téme prechodu na elektromobilitu v Košiciach, na ktorom bol prijatý celý rad opatrení.

Podpísané memorandum nadväzuje na nedávnu oficiálnu návštevu predsedu vlády v Južnej Kórey. Práve tam im mali byť predstavené viaceré novinky, ktoré Hyundai Mobis plánuje. Fico verí, že z nich bude profitovať aj Slovensko. Spomenul aj možnosti ďalších investícií kórejskej firmy na Slovensku. Ako doplnil CEO Hyundai Mobis Lee Gyu Suka, spoločnosť plánuje aj rozšírenie svojho existujúceho závodu pri Žiline.

Mobis Slovakia vznikol v roku 2004 ako dcérska spoločnosť nadnárodnej kórejskej firmy Hyundai Mobis Co., Ltd. Je to jeden z najväčších závodov korporácie na svete. Zameriava sa na výrobu a predaj častí automobilov, automobilových komponentov a náhradných dielov. V oblasti výroby častí automobilov a automobilových komponentov je najväčším dodávateľom pre Kia Slovakia a v oblasti predaja náhradných dielov pokrýva trh Európy, USA, či Blízkeho Východu.



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Cesto: 200 g múka hladká, 100 g maslo, 3 PL voda, štipka soľ

Plnka: 500 g (maslová alebo hokkaido) tekvica, 120 g (pre-rastená) slanina, 1 ks cibuľa červená, 2 ks vajcia, 150 g strúhaný (ementál) syr, 100 ml smotana na varenie, 250 ml smotana kyslá, olej, korenie čierne mleté, oriešok muškátový, soľ, vňať petržlenová na ozdobu.

V mise zmiešame múku, studené maslo, soľ a vodu. Vypracujeme cesto, ktoré zabalíme do potravinárskej fólie a odložíme na 30 minút do chladničky. Tekvicu ošúpeme, zbavíme semienok a nakrájame na kocky. Ošúpanú cibuľu nakrájame nadrobno. Na troške oleja orestujeme cibuľu dosklovita, pridáme tekvicu a ďalej opekáme niekoľko minút. K tekvici a cibuli pridáme nakrájanú slaninu a ešte krátko opekáme. V mise zmiešame kyslú smotanu, smotanu na varenie, vajcia a nastrúhaný syr. Zmes ochutíme soľou, korením a strúhaným muškátovým orieškom. Nalejeme k tekvici a všetko spolu premiešame. Vychladené cesto rozvaľkáme medzi dvoma hárkami papiera na pečenie do tvaru kruhu. Vrchný papier odstránime a aj so spodným papierom vložíme do koláčovej formy s priemerom 26 až 28 cm. Cesto prstami roztláčime aj do bokov. Na cesto vo forme navrstvíme plnku a slaný koláč pečieme približne 45 minút v rúre vyhriatej na 200 °C. Môžeme podávať ozdobený petržlenovou vňaťou za tepla aj za studena.

Tento krehký slaný koláč môžete pripraviť aj so šunkou, s údeným mäsom alebo aj celkom bez mäsa. Na ochutenie plnky sa hodia aj rôzne bylinky, napríklad tymian a oregano. Okrem ementálu môžete nastrúhať do plnky aj eidam, goudu alebo syr s modrou plesňou. Namiesto klasickej pšeničnej múky sa na cesto bude hodiť aj špaldová hladká múka alebo zmes hladkej a celozrnnej múky.

TEKVICOVÝ KOLÁČ SO SYROM

Cesto: 315 g múka polohrubá, 1 KL soľ, 225 g maslo, 120 ml ľadová, voda

Plnka: 400 g tekvica, 4 ks veľké vajce, 120 ml smotana, 120 ml mlieko plnotučné, 250 g syr tvrdý, 2 strúčiky cesnak, korenie čierne mleté, soľ, tymian, olej olivový

Múku, soľ a na kocky nakrájané vychladené maslo vymiešame do hladka. Pridávame vodu po lyžiciach a miesime dokým sa vstrebe. Na doske vypracujeme cesto, dokým sa maslo zapracuje. Cesto zabalíme a dáme chladit' na 2 hodiny. Rúru vyhrejeme na 200 °C. Tekvicu očistíme, nakrájame, dáme na plech, polejeme olejom, ochutíme soľou, korením a tymianom. Na plech dáme 2 strúčiky cesnaku a pečieme 20-30 minút, alebo dokým nezmäkne. Necháme vychladnúť. Teplotu v rúre znížime na 190 °C a koláčovú formu vytrieme maslom. Cesto vyvaľkáme na tenko (1 cm) a vtlačíme do formy. Cesto vystelieme papierom na pečenie a nasypeme zát' až (ja používam hrach). Dáme piecť na 15 minút. Vyberieme papier a zát' až, spodok cesta popicháme vidličkou a dáme piecť na 8 minút. Teplotu v rúre znížime na 170 °C. Upečenú tekvicu, cesnak a mlieko rozmixujeme dohladka. V mise zmiešame tekvicovú zmes, smotanu, vajcia a vyšľaháme. Nakoniec pridáme nastrúhaný syr, tymian, soľ a korenie. Vylejeme na predpečené cesto a pečieme 45 minút.

KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Gigafabrika na výrobu batérií pre elektromobily, ktorú stavia spoločný podnik GIB EnergyX spájajúci čínsku spoločnosť Gotion High-Tech a slovenskú firmu InoBat, prinesie stovky pracovných miest a významne prispeje k zníženiu CO2 emisií v celej Európe. Po troch mesiacoch od ohlásenia projektu eviduje investor viac ako 500 žiadostí o zamestnanie, pričom veľký záujem prejavujú aj mladí ľudia, ktorí v projekte vidia príležitosť na dobrý zárobok a kariérny rast.

Z Policajného zboru (PZ) odišlo od začiatku roka 2024 do konca septembra 1165 policajtov. Do služobného pomeru ich prijali 599. Vyplýva to z dát, ktoré TASR poskytlo Ministerstvo vnútra (MV) SR na základe infožiadosti. Percentuálne najviac policajtov chýba na západe Slovenska. „Najvyššia percentuálna neobsadenosť tabuľkových miest je k 1. októbru 2024 v rámci Krajského riaditeľstva PZ v Trnave (19,48 percenta), v Trenčíne (17,97 percenta) a v Bratislave (17,95 percenta),“ uviedol rezort.

Na obranu by v roku 2025 mali ísť dve percentá hrubého domáceho produktu (HDP), čo je necelých 2,8 miliardy eur. Investovať aspoň dve percentá do obrany je jedným z záväzkov členských štátov NATO. Vyplýva to z Návrhu rozpočtu verejnej správy na roky 2025 až 2027, ktorý chválila vláda. Z materiálu tiež vyplýva, že najväčšími projektami, ktoré má MO SR rozbehnuté, je obstarávanie stíhačiek F-16, pásových bojových vozidiel či bojových obrnených vozidiel 8x8.

Priemerná slovenská domácnosť minie na nákup potravín mesačne takmer 20 % výdavkov. Náklady na potraviny a nealkoholické nápoje európskych domácností tvoria pritom podľa údajov Eurostatu v priemere približne 14 % z celkových výdavkov. Na Slovensku sú ôsme najdrahšie potraviny v Európskej únii.

Národný štipendijný program (NŠP) SR opäť ponúka štipendia na študijný, výskumný alebo umelecký pobyt v ktorejkoľvek krajine sveta počas letného semestra akademického roka 2024/2025. Výška mesačného štipendia je stanovená podľa krajiny a kategórie štipendistu. Napríklad v Česku dostane študent 600 eur, v Rakúsku 900, v USA 1900 a v Austrálii 1250 eur. Štipendisti podľa neho môžu získať aj cestovný grant. Jeho výška je podľa vzdialenosti vzdušnou čiarou medzi miestom pobytu na Slovensku a miestom plánovaného pobytu v zahraničí od 50 eur do 1500 eur. Od roku 2005, keď boli štipendia NŠP udelené prvýkrát, absolvovalo študijný či výskumný pobyt v zahraničí 2157 občanov SR. Program administruje SAIA. Štipendia NŠP sú financované zo štátneho rozpočtu. Pobyt nie je možné kombinovať s iným štipendijným programom.

PRÍRODNÉ LIEČIVÁ Z DOMÁCEJ LEKÁRNIČKY

Blíži sa sezóna chorôb z prechladnutia či zapáleného hrdla. Pred tým ako siahnete po tabletkách, skúste tradičné prírodné lieky. Symptómy prechladnutia dokážu potlačiť aj látky, ktoré nájdete v dostupných prírodných produktoch. Mnohé z nich sú bežnou súčasťou kuchynskej police s koreninami. Pritom posilňujú imunitu, majú protizápalové účinky a bránia množeniu škodlivých baktérií a vírusov.

Cesnak pomáha obranyschopnosti tela. Je výborným zdrojom vitamínov (A, B1, B2, C, D) ako aj minerálnych látok, napríklad jódu. Povzbudzuje imunitu, pôsobí antistresovo, a pre jeho účinky pri nádche a prechladnutí si získal prívlastok „prírodné antibiotikum“. Jeho blahodárny efekt sa prejaví najmä ak je čerstvý.

Med - ak je neriedený, bráni množeniu mikroorganizmov, má probiotické vlastnosti a potláča potenciálne nebezpečné baktérie.

Harmanček je ideálny pre ľudí, ktorí majú problémy so spánkom. Upokojuje podráždený žalúdok a tiež zmierňuje príznaky žalúdočných vredov. Jeho antibakteriálne vlastnosti pomáhajú posilňovať imunitu. Inhalovanie harmančekových výparov zmierňuje prejavy prechladnutia a bolesti krku.

Škorica má výrazné antioxidačné vlastnosti a zároveň pomáha telu bojovať so zápalmi. Škoriová kôra dokonca napomáha znižovať cholesterol a cukor v krvi.

Šalvia lekárska má protizápalové, antivirotické a antibakteriálne účinky. Čaj zo šalviových listov sa pije proti kašľu a pri poruchách trávenia či dokonca na zmiernenie potenia.

Jablčný ocot má antibakteriálne vlastnosti. Vďaka svojej kyslosti môže pomôcť rozpúšťať a uvoľňovať hlien v hrdle a zastaviť šírenie baktérií. Ak máte pocit, že sa v hrdle začína rozmáhať zápal, vyskúšajte klokať vodu s dvomi lyžičkami jablčného octu. Medzi-tým pite dostatok vody.

Tymián sa osvedčil ako prostriedok proti nadúvaniu a zápalom tráviaceho traktu. Mierny kašeľ a vo všeobecnosti má protizápalové účinky. Vďaka svojim účinkom sa dá využiť pri liečbe nachladenia, kašľa, bolesti v krku a infekciách v ústach. Dá sa použiť pri inhalácii, ako ústna voda, alebo kloktadlo.

Repík má mimoriadne široké uplatnenie. Pomáha pri problémoch s tráviacou sústavou, má močopudné účinky, pri žlčkových a močových kameňoch, pri poruchách pečene. V jesennom a zimnom období môže pomôcť pri liečbe nádchy a kašľa. Keďže má sťahujúci účinok, používa sa aj na rany.

Mäta dokáže omnoho viac, než len osviežiť dych. Výluh zmierňuje bolesť hrdla a tíši kašeľ. Vďaka obsahu mentolu uvoľňuje hlien. Mäta má protizápalové vlastnosti a preto môže okrem liečenia vírusových a bakteriálnych infekcií pomôcť aj pri hojení rán.



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