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Blessed
CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall
be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

-Isaiah 9:6, ESV

**POŽEHNANÉ VIANOČNÉ SVIATKY
A ŠŤASTNÝ NOVÝ ROK**

MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPREME PRESIDENT LARRY M. GLUGOSH

To begin, I hope you all enjoyed your Thanksgiving holiday last week and took some quality time to give back to your local community and to reflect on our many wonderful blessings. I also hope many of you took part in a special day in the month, as part of our National Day of Giving. In our local group, we collected nonperishable items and donated them to the food bank.



During my time in reflection, I thought about the many family members and friends that we have lost in the past year, especially my Supreme Officer colleague and friend, Marty Degnan, who left this world too soon. He was a dedicated and caring member of our organization and a great brother, uncle and son. My warm thoughts and prayers go out to his entire family during their time of loss but I know Marty will be watching over us and smiling.

As I write my final message of the year to our Slovak Catholic Sokol membership, I have to pause and reflect on the fact that another year has come and gone. It is hard to believe that a full year of memorable fraternal activity has occurred and in just a few weeks, we hopefully will all celebrate a joyous Christmas holiday. I would imagine that many of our Slovak Catholic Sokol members are quite busy preparing for the Christmas holiday season with their shopping, wrapping, baking and cooking. Like many of you, we will also begin to decorate our homes, Christmas trees and install our colorful house lights as we prepare to host our family events and create some wonderful memories.

As part of this seasonal preparation, we should also take a moment to appreciate all of God's

blessings and give thanks for our families, friends and good health. With this in mind, I would like to thank our Supreme Officers, local officers and youthful leaders for their tireless and devoted efforts throughout the past year. I would also like to thank our home office staff under the leadership and direction of our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec for all of their support, commitment and dedication to our membership and society as a whole. I would also like to thank our General Counsel, John Pogorelec Jr. for his countless efforts to finally close on the sale of our former print shop. It has taken several years to get this done and I am happy that we have achieved a successful resolution, with the proceeds going directly to the bottom line of our society.

In a few weeks, our Board of Directors will host our final quarterly meeting and we will review our overall financial health, life insurance and annuity sales results, new products and our athletic fraternal programs. We will also focus our attention to our future growth prospects, forecasts and discuss new improvements that we can incorporate into our society for the betterment of our membership. In general, our Board of Directors are pleased that our ongoing efforts and leadership to control our discretionary spending, grow our sales results and make sound fiscal investment decisions have all contributed to our success this past year.

In closing, from our family to yours, we would like to extend our sincerest best wishes to all of you during this glorious holiday season. May you continue to experience good health and prosperity in the coming year and hope all of our members have a safe, joyous and memorable Christmas holiday season and a happy New Year!

May God bless all of you!
Zdar Boh!

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS



I hope that all our members had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday with their friends and family. Now it is on to Christmas! This special time of year gives us the opportunity to enjoy the excitement, color, and emotion of the season, especially through the eyes of the children and grandchildren. This holiday also allows us some time to reflect on the past year and look forward to the New Year ahead.



As the year 2024 comes to an end, I would like to express my thanks and gratitude to all our members for making this year another successful one. I would especially like to thank our Supreme President, Larry M. Glugosh, our Board of Directors, and our Supreme Officers for all your efforts and hard work in promoting our wonderful organization. I would also like to thank our Group Officers, Assembly Officers, and Wreath Officers for your dedication to our Society. Your efforts throughout the year allow us to thrive as the Slovak Catholic Sokol. A fraternal benefit society like ours is really an extension of our own family. It is what our founders had in mind in 1905, and it is what our organization has become. Over the years, generations of our members have instilled in us a true family atmosphere at our fraternal events. I ask you to continue those efforts and look for ways to

increase membership and participation. You have been and will always be our best promoters. We not only provide outstanding financial security with our insurance and annuity products, but we also offer so many fraternal benefits geared to our members. It is who we are, a family.

This time of the year also gives us a chance to reflect on the past year and look forward to the New Year ahead. I urge all our members to evaluate your personal life insurance needs, as well as the needs of your family. You can help strengthen our organization while also protecting your family and friends. Membership in the Slovak Catholic Sokol is a wonderful gift for a child or grandchild. Allowing them to be part of another strong "Family" is truly an enduring gift.

In conclusion, I would like to formally thank the people that make the Slovak Catholic Sokol engine go. The Home Office Staff work tirelessly for our Society and rarely get the recognition that is justified. Thank you for all your hard work and Merry Christmas to you and your Families.

On behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, our sons, Reid and Cole, my entire family, the Board of Directors, and our Home Office, I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year! Peace be with you and Zdar Boh!

Stay safe, stay strong,
and STAY POSITIVE!

SOKOL CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2024

GROUP 7 ANNUAL MEETING at 6:30 a.m. at the North End Slovak Citizens' Club in Wilkes-Barre, PA. All members are welcome 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 Warrick at 724 736 4032.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

GROUP 7 ANNUAL MASS for living and deceased members will be celebrated by Fr. Richard Cirba, Chaplin at 11 a.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Parrish, Wikes-Barre, PA.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

ANNUAL MEETING OF ASSEMBLY 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, FEBRUARY 15, 2025

SLOVAK BALL at The Royal Manor in Garfield, NJ. Limited tickets are available. Special price until November 30th. Early Bird Tickets: \$180, Young Adult (25 and under): \$130. Starting December 1st ALL Tickets: \$200. For more information, visit our website: SlovakAmericanCC.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2025

GROUP 2 ANNUAL MEETING at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center following the 10:00 a.m. mass. All members to meet in the back of the church to march in as one body. Luncheon and dessert will be provided. All members are welcome to attend and assist in planning upcoming events and activities. Please RSVP to Secretary Darlene Knapik-Musial 1-203-209-1536.

**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic**

GOD'S GIFT, OUR GRATITUDE, AND THE PATH TO PERFECT HAPPINESS

What did you get for Christmas?" This is a question we hear asked with great frequency during these days of the year. Of course, people also give gifts at Christmas (obviously; otherwise, no one would receive any!), but generally we don't ask the question, "What did you give for Christmas?" We are much more accustomed to asking, "What did you get for Christmas?"



Christmas challenges us to invert this mentality, for it is, as the saying goes, the "season of giving." Think about when you give a gift seriously, when you put a lot of thought and heart into it and want to make it truly something special – it takes a lot of planning, of time and timing, doing everything just right, especially to make it a happy surprise.

This kind of giving mirrors God Himself – He is a God of giving, not of getting: Christmas is, indeed, about gift-giving: God's gift to us, the greatest gift of all, the gift of His Son. And God, too, put a lot of planning into it; He indeed took a long, long time to lead up to the perfect point in history when He would give us this gift.

The ideal king, the Messiah, the future anointed one whom God would send to set His people free, then, was to be a descendant of David. And in the fullness of time God fulfilled this promise, as we just heard in St. Luke's account of the birth of Christ:

"Joseph ... went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the *city of David* that is called Bethlehem, because *he was of the house and family of David.*"

God's plan, though, was much bigger than what His people had hoped for: the oppression from which He would set them free was not that of a political power, as such powers will all eventually pass away. Rather, it was the oppression of sin and death from which He would set them free, for that kind of oppression has the power to hold us captive forever. And He goes beyond their highest hopes in another way as well, for the one He would send them was not just a physical descendant of David, but His very own Son.

We can never repay God for all that He has done for us. But if we are grateful, truly grateful, then we will want to try, anyway. Again, as Pope Francis reminds us, gratitude is "the interior attitude that we should deem most important." That is, we will want to live lives that are pleasing to Him, because what pleases Him is what makes us happy, and that means living a life of giving, not getting. Let us follow St. Paul's advice, then, and "reject godless ways and worldly desires and ... live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope." That blessed hope is our Lord Jesus Christ himself, the fullness of God's revelation to us, God's final word to us: a word of mercy, forgiveness, and eternal salvation.

**WREATH 39 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE
BRIDGEPORT CT**

In keeping with our Sokol Fraternal spirit and our slogan "A sound mind in a sound body" and to support our youngsters in their quest for higher education or Wreath will once again offer a scholarship grant to a deserving member. The scholarship honors the memory of all our dedicated members who have labored on behalf of our Wreath 39 since it's founding in 1912 under the guidance of the late Father Matthew Jankola.

Our beloved member Ann D. Knapik instituted this Scholarship to have Wreath 39 that she was eternally dedicated to, forge forward and continue to encourage our youth to further their love of learning through higher education, enhance their spiritual growth, instill active fraternal participation, and promote the importance of helping others in their community. Hopefully our receipt will continue to labor on behalf of the high ideals of Sokol Fraternalism and will learn the importance of making a difference in our local community.

Wreath 39 Scholarship grant is available to a deserving young member of our Wreath. Members need to have a minimum of a \$3,000 insurance policy and must be a senior in high school or be enrolled and/or accepted as a full-time student at an accredited college, university or professional school. Applications are available by contacting our Scholarship liaison Larry Wells at his email of: lawman1156@gmail.com Deadline for completed application is May 31st. In July the Wreath 39 scholarship selection committee will meet to make their decision. The check will be made out directly to the college and presented to the recipient in September.

Best of luck to all our Sokol applicants!

Zdar Boh!

Bob Sheehy, President
Larry Wellsm, Treasurer

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).

Find us on Facebook:



Slovak Catholic Sokol Public Group

MEET ST. NICHOLAS AT ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE CHURCH IN NYC

The Church of St. John Nepomucene is excited to invite all children to a delightful holiday event to meet St. Nicholas!

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: St John Nepomucene Church, 411 E 66th St, New York, NY 10065

Bring the family for a joyful afternoon filled with holiday cheer, featuring a special story about St. Nicholas, his grand arrival, and sweet gifts for all children!

We'll have hot chocolate, popcorn, and waffles available during the entire program, plus a lunch option for everyone.

HOLIDAY HOME OFFICE CLOSINGS

In observance of Christmas, the Home Office will be closed for business on Wednesday, December 25 and Thursday, December 26.

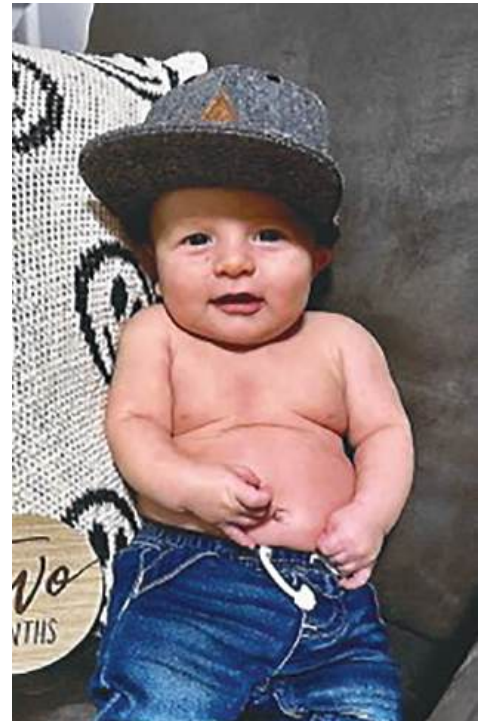
Likewise, to commemorate the New Year's observance, the Home Office will be closed for business on Wednesday, January 1 and Thursday January 2, 2025.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON PUBLICATION DATE

The next issue of the **SLOVAK CATHOLIC FALCON** will be that of **JANUARY 1, 2025**. **DEADLINE** for all photos and information for this issue will be **DECEMBER 22, 2024**.

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

Introducing our newest member



Lorenzo Edward DeRoia, born July 23, 2024 is the son of Donald and Brooke DeRoia from Strongsville, OH. He is a member of Wreath 153, Parma, OH.

DOWNLOAD THE NEW SCS APP TODAY!

It's free and easy to use. It keeps you up to date with the latest SCS Event Information.

Follow these instructions to join our app today:

1. Scan the QR Code and download the Stack Team App or visit www.teamapp.com
2. Sign up to Stack Team App and log in to your account.
3. Search for "Slovak Catholic Sokol" and request to join.



SCAN ME



\$63,000 IN S.C.S. SCHOLARSHIP GRANTS AVAILABLE IN 2025

“John J. Yanosick Memorial Scholarship”

We are pleased to share exciting news regarding our scholarship program. A new scholarship has been established in memory of John J. Yanosick, affectionately known as “Uncle Jack.” He was a dedicated member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol from Group 14 and Assembly 16, and he enjoyed working with the Sokol youth. This new scholarship, the “John J. Yanosick Memorial Scholarship,” aims to support our members in achieving their academic aspirations. We extend our gratitude to his wife, Joan Yanosick, and the South Side Sokol Club for establishing the new scholarship.

“Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship” Change

We have made a change to the “Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship.” The eligibility criteria have expanded to include applicants majoring in computer science, information technology, or related fields. We are grateful to the Glugosh family’s commitment to fostering academic pursuits in technology among our members.

The Slovak Catholic Sokol is delighted to announce that \$63,000 will be available in scholarship grants for eligible members in 2025. Previous recipients may reapply for a grant in 2025; however, please note per a Convention mandate, that each student can receive a maximum of two Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants and only one grant in each of the other categories.

A total of 30 Slovak Catholic Sokol college grants of \$1,000 each, one Krista L. Glugosh Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, two Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of \$2,000 each, two Emil Slavik Memorial Scholarships one for a male and female in the amount of \$2,000 each, one The Doctors’ Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, one Yencha Scholarship for \$1,000, one John J. Yanosick Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000, and at least three Slovak Catholic Sokol (SCS) Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000.

The collegiate application process is ONLY ONLINE on the Slovak Catholic Sokol website. Please take the time to review the application process and the required documentation to meet eligibility. You can find instructions, frequently asked questions (FAQ), and the application at https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2025

Applicants may submit one application to be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible. We strongly encourage applying for multiple scholarships, but please be aware that only one grant will be awarded per applicant.

College scholarship eligibility requirements: SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL (a total of 30, \$1,000 grants will be awarded)

- Must have a minimum of \$3,000 permanent Life Insurance Coverage.
- Must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol for at least five years.
- Must have completed one semester of undergraduate studies as a FULL-TIME student at an accredited college, university, or professional school, or be enrolled in a graduate or professional degree program.
- Must have an accumulated grade point average of at least 2.5 or better.
- One parent must be a Slovak Catholic Sokol member.
- Essay- “How has being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol influenced my life?”

KRISTA L. GLUGOSH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)

- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
- AND
- Majoring in a curriculum focusing on computer science, information technology, or related subfields.

THEODORE AND MARY JANE RICH (one male and one female grant in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded)

- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
- AND
- One parent must be of Slovak ancestry.
 - Must be majoring in a medical curriculum.

EMIL SLAVIK (one male and one female grant in the amount of \$2,000 will be awarded)

- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
- AND
- Both parents must be members of the Slovak

Catholic Sokol.

- Must be majoring in liberal arts, the sciences, pre-law, pre-medical, or business curriculum.

THE DOCTORS' LESKO MEDICAL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)

- AND
- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
 - Majoring in a nursing or medical curriculum.
 - One parent must be of Slovak ancestry.

YENCHA SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)

- AND
- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
 - Majoring in a liberal arts curriculum.

THE JOHN J. YANOSICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (1 grant in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded)

- AND
- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
 - Group 14 scholarship candidates will be given preference.

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (3 grants in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)

- AND
- The same requirements as the SCS scholarship
 - Essay- "Describe the one volunteer experience that made the biggest personal impact on you- how/why."

Catholic High School and Catholic Grade School Grants

In addition to our college grant program, we make available 18 Catholic High School Grants in the amount of \$500 each and 36 Catholic Grade School Grants in the amount of \$250 each. You can find the applications online at https://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org/family_scholarships.asp or in each of the next few issues of the Falcon.

If you have questions in regards to the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Program, please contact:

Andrea M. Tadlock

Supreme Vice-President

Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee

vp@slovakcatholicssokol.org

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP TIPS FOR SUCCESS

I'm excited to share great news about the Slovak Catholic Sokol College Scholarship! We've improved our online application process, making it more user-friendly and informative. You can start applying online at https://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org/family_scholarships.asp from **December 1, 2024, through March 31, 2025.**

To help you put your best foot forward, here are a few friendly tips for a successful application:

1. **Take some time to explore the application process online and check the eligibility requirements for each scholarship.** This will help you identify which scholarships you can apply for.
2. **Prepare your essay(s) beforehand** so you can easily upload them when applying online.
3. **Have a wallet-size (2x3) headshot photograph ready in jpeg format** to submit with your application.
4. When you fill out the online application, **please answer ALL questions.** If something doesn't apply to you, simply put N/A. For example, if you're fully independent from your parents and they can't claim you on their tax returns, enter N/A in the parent income field.
5. **Don't forget to request your official transcripts** from your university or college after your fall term wraps up. Make sure the transcripts are sent to the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee by email or mail:
Andrea M. Tadlock
Supreme Vice-President
VP@slovakcatholicssokol.org
100 Fletcher Farm Rd
Vermontville, NY 12989

I encourage you to apply for all the scholarships you qualify for to enhance your chances of receiving one! Just so you know, applicants can only receive one scholarship each year.

Make sure all your required documents are submitted by the DEADLINE of March 31, 2025. It's a good idea to submit everything early to ensure your application, essay(s), photograph, and transcripts are all received on time. If you're mailing documents, remember they must be postmarked by the deadline.

Although not every applicant will receive a scholarship this year, we encourage you to apply again next year if it doesn't work out this time! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at vp@slovakcatholicssokol.org.

Wishing you the best of luck, and Zdar Boh!

Andrea M. Tadlock

Supreme Vice-President

Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer \$500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. These 18 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

ELIGIBILITY

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than \$3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.**

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic High School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

APPLICATION

ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION you must submit a typed or written essay **DOUBLE SPACED** in 100 to 200 words on the following topic:

"WHAT DOES THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL MEAN TO ME?" This essay must be submitted along with the application.

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2025** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @

https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp

DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

RETURN OF GRANT

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.



SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL ABBOT JEROME M. KOVAL, O.S.B. MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # _____ Assembly/Wreath # _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ High School Phone (_____) _____
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Father's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? _____
(yes/no)

If yes, please indicate Grade School or High School. What year? _____

High School verification (to be completed by High School Principal)

I, _____ Principal of _____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that _____
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 2025-2026 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes _____ No _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2025. Return completed application to:
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 0705

SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANTS

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer \$250.00 Grants to our young Sokols and Sokolky in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. Two grants each per Group are available to any qualified Sokol member entering a Catholic Grade School (Grades 2 through 8).

ELIGIBILITY

A. Applicant must be a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in good standing, holding a permanent Life Insurance Certificate in the amount of **not less than \$3,000, and has been a member for at least five years.**

B. One parent must be a S.C.S. member.

C. The principal of the Catholic Grade School must verify the enrollment of the applicant.

APPLICATION

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2025** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @ https://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org/family_scholarships.asp

DISQUALIFICATION

An applicant who neglects to submit or complete any part of these requirements before the established deadline will automatically be disqualified.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An acknowledgment of the Grant should be made in writing by the recipient as soon as possible, if you are awarded a Grant.

RETURN OF GRANT

If for any reason the Grant is not used by the recipient, the entire (or portion of) grant not utilized must be returned.



SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # _____ Assembly/Wreath # _____ Name _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth _____ Current Age _____

Home Phone (_____) _____ School Phone (_____) _____
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Father's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Mother's name _____ Are you a member? _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # _____ Face Amount _____

Are you a previous Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Recipient? _____
(yes/no)

If yes, what year? _____

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

I, _____ Principal of _____
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic Grade School, verify that _____
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending _____ Grade in the 2025-2026 school year.

Are you currently participating in Slovak Catholic Sokol Activities? Yes _____ No _____

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF THIS APPLICATION IS MARCH 31, 2025. Return completed application to:
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GROUP 14 – DAY OF GIVING

For the November Day of Giving, Group 14 delivered 35 dinners to our local seniors.

Thanks to Arlene Most for organizing everything. Each senior received a dinner of salad, chicken parmesan, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and dessert. As a special treat, everyone was given a Christmas ornament and a personalized note.

Thanks to all of the people who helped to deliver the dinners: Arlene and Eddie Most, Cindy and Rich Walkowiak, Katie and Hailey Swift, Autumn Nichol, Hayley Hast, and Victor Mejia.

All of the recipients were so grateful that we thought of them and so excited to know they are so special to Group 14. The people who delivered the dinners enjoyed seeing our senior members and visiting for a few minutes with each person.

*"For it is in the giving
that we receive."
-St. Francis of Assisi*

Zdar Boh!
Kathleen Watkins
Group 14 President







KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

December 2024

Christmas is such a special time to celebrate the incredible gift of God coming to Earth. There are so many fun and meaningful activities your family can do together to embrace the joy of Christ's birth. Here are a few lovely ideas to make your Christmas even more special:

1. ****Read the Nativity Announcement**** - On Christmas Eve, gather as a family to read the announcement of Christ's birth from the Roman Martyrology. You can find it on the U.S. Catholic bishops' website <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/christmas/christmas-proclamation>.
2. ****Attend Midnight Mass**** - Experience the magic of the Christmas story told in the Gospel of Luke at Midnight Mass. Many parishes put on wonderful celebrations, making it a beautiful way to welcome Christmas.
3. ****Pray Before Baby Jesus**** - Create a lovely moment before diving into presents or heading to Mass. Take a cue from the shepherds and wise men by kneeling before baby Jesus and sharing a simple prayer.
4. ****Spread Kindness and Joy**** - Christmas is a perfect time to show kindness to others. Here are some ideas:
 - Volunteer at a local charity like a soup kitchen.
 - Donate gifts to those in need.
 - Prepare meals for a local shelter.
 - Lend a helping hand to a neighbor.
 - Contribute to a local charity.
 - Spread holiday cheer by caroling at an assisted living center or shelter.
5. ****Put on a Family Nativity Play**** - Get creative and write your own family nativity play! Everyone can take on different roles to bring the Christmas Story to life.

"May you find joy in the miracle, the gift, and the promise of Christmas!"

Andrea Tadlock





KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik "

December 2024

Christmas

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Vera Zollinger 12/2
 Scarlet Monahan 12/12
 Aiden McCoy 12/15
 Riana Hoeck 12/24

Congratulations to Riana Hoeck from Group 4! The Winner of the Columbus Worksheet.

Send me your Christmas 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 **December 31st**. I'll randomly select a winner from all the entries I receive. **GOOD LUCK!!**

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

A TRIBUTE TO DANIEL F. TANZONE

by

**M. Mark Stolarik, Professor Emeritus, University of Ottawa
and President, Canadian Slovak League**

On Saturday, October 19, 2024, my good friend Daniel F. Tanzone went to his eternal reward. He was born on April 1, 1947 in Yonkers, New York, just north of New York City. His Slovak grandparents, John and Elizabeth Yurco Yancus, emigrated from the village of Fričovce in the former Spiš county to the USA in June of 1895, where they joined the Slovak community and helped to found the Slovak Most Holy Trinity parish that same year. Once Dan became an adult, he followed in his parents' footsteps and was elected a parish trustee and eventually President of the Parish Council.

Danny received a good Catholic education. He attended the Most Holy Trinity school in Yonkers, run by the Slovak Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius. After graduating he attended Sacred Heart High School in the same city. After that he studied at Holy Apostles Seminary College in Cromwell, Conn., and did graduate work at Fairfield Seminary and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. Even though he was well-versed in Roman Catholic theology, he declined to become a priest.

Instead, Danny decided to devote his life to Slovak fraternalism and journalism. In 1964 he joined Assembly 219 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in Yonkers, and eventually became its President. Danny became an Auditor in the Supreme Assembly to the Slovak Catholic Sokol in 1975 and in 1980 the editor of its weekly newspaper Slovenský katolícky Sokol/Slovak Catholic Falcon. After 37 years as editor, he retired in 2017.

Meanwhile, Danny participated in many other Slovak-American organizations. Besides the Catholic Sokol, he was also a member of the First Catholic Slovak Union, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, the National Slovak Society, the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union and the Slovak Catholic Federation. His greatest achievement was to be elected President of the Slovak League of America from 1985 to 1993 and again from 2006 to the present. The Slovak League, founded in 1907, was the cover organization for most Slovak-American fraternalists. As President, Danny represented Slovak-Americans to various state governments, to the federal government of the USA and to the government of the Slovak Republic. He was also a strong supporter of the Chair in Slovak History and Culture at the University of Ottawa. Indeed, Danny attended and spoke at the official installation ceremony of M. Mark Stolarik as the first holder of this Chair.

Besides his fraternal activities, Danny Tanzone also participated in many publishing ventures. In 1976 he published his History of Slovaks in Yonkers, New York and served on the Editorial Board of the massive publication Slovaks in America: a Bicentennial Study (1978), in which he published a chapter on "Religious Developments among the Slovaks in America." He also served on the Slovak League of America Advisory Board to the scholarly annual Slovakia which this writer edited from 1982 to its demise. The Slovak League published this annual from 1951 to 2021. Danny strongly supported the publishing of the periodical Slovakia by the Slovak League until it ran out of money.

Because of his activism, Danny received many awards, from both secular and religious authorities. In 1995, President Michal Kovac of Slovakia awarded him the Presidential Gold Medal for his untiring work on behalf of the Slovak nation. In 1996 Pope St. John Paul awarded Dan the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" Medal for his work on behalf of the Roman Catholic Church and in 2005 he was invested as a Knight of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City by Archbishop Edward Cardinal Egan. In 1999 the Sisters of Sts. Cyril and Methodius in Danville, Pennsylvania presented him with the Saints Cyril and Methodius Award for Evangelization and Inculturation of Peoples. He also received many other awards from local and city authorities for his untiring social and religious activism.

Danny and I became friends in the 1980's when he edited the newspaper Katolícky Sokol. I enjoyed reading his columns on "This Heritage is Mine" and contributed articles to his newspaper. I also enjoyed his company when he and I were part of a Slovak League Delegation to Slovakia in May of 1990 (the first such delegation since 1938). At that time we met with all the important Slovak politicians and Danny was so happy to be in the land of his Slovak ancestors. He was especially delighted when we stopped in Spišské Podhradie, where the Bishop of the region resided, and which was very near to the village of Fričovce, from whence his grandparents came. In the city Košice Danny loaded up on Slovak crystal, which he later gave to his friends in North America.

In the United States Danny very often served as toastmaster at Slovak conventions and banquets. He was well-versed in the etiquette of introducing guests, especially on how to address them according to their station in life. He was also an inspiring speaker, with a wealth of information about Slovak-Americans. Indeed, whenever I needed information on, say the number of bishops of Slovak ancestry in America, Danny always knew. He also knew how many Slovak-American parishes there were in a particular year and how many had closed or had been amalgamated. We both lamented the closure of Slovak parishes starting in the 1990's.

Two years ago in August, Danny called me for the last time. He asked me to pick up the Slovak League Archives, which were housed in the headquarters of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, in offices made available to the Slovak League of America. He asked me to deposit them in the Slovak Archives at the University of Ottawa. If Danny had informed me that he was ill, I would have rushed down to pick them up. Instead, I waited two more years before I had a chance to do so. By then it was too late to say good-bye to Danny. He had developed Alzheimer's disease and would not have recognized me in 2024.

Danny's passing is a huge loss for Slovaks in America and Canada. He was a walking encyclopedia of Slovak-American history and a staunch supporter of Slovak fraternalism, religion, and identity. We will greatly miss him. Rest in peace Danny! Nech Ti je americká zem ľahká!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS ... SLOVAK STYLE BY LARRY G. KOZLOWSKI

Submitted by Professor Michael Kopanic, Jr.

Slovakia is a small territory, a tiny and independent country (since January 1, 1993) in the heart of Europe, rich in heritage, traditions, and folklore. Slovakia is a place



where eastern and western cultures mixed together. "Celebrate Christmas ... Slovak Style" is a unique collection of Slovak customs, traditions (Christmas Eve Dinner Menus Recipes and Symbolism), folklore, recipes: (Potato Pancake, Potato Dumplings & Cheese, Dumplings & Fried Cabbage, Honey Cakes, Pagáč - Filled Dough, Hot Brandy, Sour Mushroom

Soup with Dumplings, Baked Fish, Filled Dumplings - Pirohy, Bread Biscuits - Bobalky, Sweet Rolls - Koláče Filled Cookies - Rožky, Christmas Bread - Vianočka, Rye Bread, Roast Goose, Jellied Pig's Feet, Spiced Wine, Carnival Crullers - Čieregy, Roast Pork & Sauerkraut, Bishop's Bread, and many more holiday favorites. Learn of the custom of the "Up-Side Down" Christmas Tree, make Slovak Straw Christmas Ornaments or a paper Slovak Nativity Creche for under your holiday tree. Keep your precious Slovak heritage alive and celebrate the priceless treasures of Slovak Christmases of the past with an inspiration for Slovak Christmases of the future. Enjoy a \$10.00 Christmas Special with an order of 3 books!

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Lawrence Kozlowski, was honored as the 2021 recipient of the Western PA Slovak Cultural Association's Lifetime Achievement Award, for his lifelong service to the Slovak American community and his lasting contributions to promote Slovak language, culture and heritage in western Pennsylvania.

SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL OF THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Thank you to the Home Office and all the Assemblies, Groups, Wreaths, and Members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol who donated to the 46th Annual Saints Cyril and Methodius Appeal. The final totals will not be known for a few weeks, but **as of November 19, 2024, the Appeal has received \$27,483.00 from 194 donors.** Money raised goes to assist the Pontifical Slovak College of Saints Cyril and Methodius in Rome with its day to day operations.

A solicitation for the 47th Annual Appeal is being prepared and will be mailed sometime in January. This mailing is sent to members of the **Slovak Catholic Federation**, clergy with Slovak ancestry, Branches and Districts of Slovak Catholic fraternal societies, and previous donors. On behalf of the Pontifical College, thank you everyone for your continued generosity and support.

Anyone wishing to donate to the 2025 Appeal is asked to fill out the information in the box at the bottom of this article and mail 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. **The 47th Annual Appeal runs from December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025. Gifts received after November 30, 2025 will be credited toward the 2026 Appeal.** Thank you again for your goodness and generosity.

The Slovak Catholic Federation was founded in 1911 by Rev. Joseph Murgas, founding Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Slovak Church, Wilkes-Barre, PA. The Federation brings together under one banner both individuals of Slovak heritage as well as Catholic Slovak Fraternal Organizations for cultural, religious and educational needs. Serving as Moderator is the Right Reverend Gary Hoover, O.S.B., Abbot of St. Andrew Svorad Abbey, Cleveland, OH. National President is Reverend Andrew S. Hvozdovic, V.F., Supreme Chaplain of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish, Harvey's 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, Penndel, PA, serves as First Vice President of the Federation and is the Appeal Coordinator.



47TH ANNUAL SS. CYRIL AND METHODIUS APPEAL

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*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*

“Sokol Forward Spotlight”

♥ Group 16 ♥



Group 16



Community Support: Gianna House in Eastpointe, Michigan



Group 16 is a proud supporter of the Gianna House.

Gianna House’s heartfelt mission is to offer nurturing support through educational and life skills programs for young pregnant women and mothers facing challenging circumstances, particularly those who are at risk or lack safe housing. They are dedicated to helping these women transition to a place of independence and stability.

Gianna House is lovingly named in honor of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, a remarkable woman born in Milano, Italy. As a devoted pediatrician, she faced unimaginable difficulty during her last pregnancy when a tumor was discovered on her uterus. Although doctors recommended a hysterectomy, Gianna courageously chose to have the tumor removed, prioritizing the life of her unborn child over her own health. Tragically, after giving birth to her daughter, Gianna passed away a week later due to an infection. Her daughter Gianna Emanuela went on and become a physician.

In response to the questions about her mother’s selfless decision, Gianna’s daughter, Laura Molla, beautifully expressed, “My mother did not choose death, but at that moment she chose life for her child.”

Gianna’s legacy is one of extraordinary love and sacrifice. She was Beatified in 1994 and canonized a Saint in 2004, with her liturgical feast day celebrated on April 28th. St. Gianna is revered as the Patron Saint of doctors, unborn children, and wives, embodying compassion and unwavering dedication to others.

The heartfelt story of St. Gianna is inspiring, and her legacy is continued through the efforts of the Gianna House, assisting women who face such a crucial time in their lives.

On behalf of Group 16 Slovak Catholic Sokol, Beth Penxa presented a two hundred-dollar check to Gianna House in Eastpointe, Michigan.

Group 16, thank you for helping those in your community who are in need. Your Sokol Spirit shines bright through compassion and kindness. May God continue to bless you in your good works!

If you’d like to submit an entry to be the monthly ‘**Sokol Forward Spotlight,**’ please send me 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!

Andrea M. Tadlock

Supreme Vice-President

SLOVAK CHRISTMAS RECIPES

NUT AND POPPY SEED ROLL

POPPY SEED FILING

1 pound poppy seeds
2 cups milk
1 1/2 cups sugar
1/2 stick butter
1 cup raisins



WALNUT FILLING:

1 lb. ground walnuts
3/4 cup sugar
4 tbsp. melted butter, plus extra for greasing sheet and brushing
1/4 to 1/2 c. warm milk
1/2 tsp. vanilla flavoring

For both fillings combine all ingredients in a saucepan. Simmer for 30 minutes. Let cool entirely before using as a filling.

DOUGH

1 (.25 ounce) package active dry yeast
1/2 cup warm water
2 tablespoons white sugar
2 cups all-purpose flour, or more if needed
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 cup butter
1 egg, separated - white reserved

Mix yeast with water and 2 tablespoons sugar in a small bowl. Allow to stand until the yeast forms a creamy layer. Whisk flour with salt in a bowl; use a pastry cutter to cut 1/4 cup butter into the flour mixture until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Pour yeast mixture and egg yolk into flour mixture and stir to make a soft dough. Turn dough out onto a floured work surface and knead until smooth and slightly springy, about 5 minutes. If dough is too sticky, knead in more flour, about 2 tablespoons at a time.

Cut dough into 2 equal pieces. Roll each piece out into a 12x16-inch rectangle. Spread half the filling over each rectangle, leaving a 1-inch border. Fold the 1-inch border back over the filling on all sides and press down. Pick up the shorter side of a dough rectangle and roll it like a jelly roll; repeat with second rectangle. Pinch ends together or tuck ends under to prevent filling from leaking out. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper; place rolls seam sides down on the baking sheet and allow to rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Beat egg white in a bowl until frothy; brush the rolls with beaten egg white. Bake in preheated oven until dark golden brown on top, 30 to 40 minutes. Remove from oven and cover rolls with a clean kitchen towel until cool to keep crust soft. Cool completely before slicing.

SAUERKRAUT SOUP – KAPUSTNICA

This traditional Slovak soup uses already prepared ingredients, like sauerkraut, smoked ham, and smoked sausage, to make a hearty and warming soup that requires very little prepping time.

2 lbs smoked ribs or ham

4 quarts water
2 bay leaves
1/2 tsp peppercorns
2 tbsp lard
2 onions
1.5oz bacon
4 cloves garlic
1oz dry mushrooms
1 tsp coarsely ground caraway
1 tbsp paprika
25oz sauerkraut squeezed
11oz klobasa 2-3 smoked sausages
Sour cream for optional garnish



Put water, whole smoked ham, bay leaves, and peppercorns in a 5 quart pot. Let simmer for at least one hour, if not longer. In a pot of at least 7 quarts, melt lard and saute onions until golden. Meanwhile, soak mushrooms in water. Chop bacon and garlic and add to onions, stirring until garlic is fragrant. Add caraway, then paprika, stir and immediately add in squeezed sauerkraut, reserving the juices. Sauerkraut can be cut shorter beforehand, for easier eating. Stir. Add soaked mushrooms and whole klobasa. Add broth from the smoked ham, and simmer until sauerkraut is soft, about 30 minutes. Cut up ham and klobasa and slice, then add both to pot. Use the reserved sauerkraut juice to add extra saltiness or sourness. Serve with optional sour cream for garnish.

BOBALKY

2 cups whole milk
1/2 cup unsalted butter
7-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 teaspoons salt
2 envelopes active dry yeast, 0.25 ounce packets
2 whole large eggs
2 tablespoons hot water
Honey for drizzling
Poppy seeds for sprinkling



Heat milk and butter over low heat in a saucepan. Heat it just enough to melt butter then remove the pan from the heat and set aside.

In a large mixing bowl combine dry ingredients (flour through yeast). Add milk and butter to the dry ingredients. Then add eggs. Mix well and knead till dough is no longer sticky. Cover the bowl and let the dough rest for 10 minutes. Punch it down and let it rise till doubled in size.

Preheat oven to 400 F. Pull off dough into walnut-sized pieces. Roll into balls and place the balls on sheet pans lined with parchment paper.

Bake at 400 F for 12-15 minutes. Remove pans from the oven and put baked balls into a colander. Pour a small amount of hot milk over the balls then put them in a large bowl. Drizzle with honey and sprinkle with poppy seeds as desired. Toss and serve.

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

Group 3, Rev. Edmund Mochak, held its annual meeting on Sunday, November 3, 2024, at 10:00 am at the Sokol Hall, Douglas, Massachusetts.

After everyone enjoyed coffee and Danish, the meeting was called to order by Group 3 President Kevin Conway at 10:25 am. 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 5 members present representing Assembly 28.

Welcoming Address:

Brother Kevin welcomed and thanked everyone for their attendance and commented that while we are few, our commitment is strong.

Brother Kevin reviewed the purpose of the group:

“The purpose of the Group is to help build sound minds and bodies of all our members by nurturing harmonious relationships, encouraging educational achievements, providing and supporting athletic programs and social functions, and to provide benevolence to those in need.”

We held a moment of silence for our fallen brothers Dan Tanzone and Marty Degnan.

Minutes from the semi-annual meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2024, were reviewed by Secretary Christine Manyak. The minutes were accepted on a motion by Brother Kevin, 2nd by Judy Manyak. Accepted

Treasurer’s report was presented by Julie Gresian; after discussion a motion to accept was made by Sister Christine Manyak, 2nd by Brother Roger Manyak; Accepted.

Physical Directress, Jaque Manyak was absent due to illness. I reached out to her for her report. There have been no activities this past year, we are waiting to hear if there will be another slet.

Physical Director, Gary Manyak was not in attendance but forwarded his report. Brother Gary and Ken Nydam attended the International Golf Tournament this past August. He also represented Group 3 at the funeral services for our friend and fellow sokolky Marty Degnan. No other events occurred this past year. He is waiting to hear about next year’s events.

Sports Directors: Brother Roger reported that as mentioned we had 2 members attend this year’s international golf tournament. No other events occurred.

Old Business:

*The 49th Sokol Open, chaired by John Manyak was held on September 7th and it was another sellout crowd. This continues to be the biggest fund raiser. Golfers continue to come play and enjoy the home cooked buffet. Brother Kevin thanked everyone for their contributions to making this a success. Brother Richard McGarth has attended all events 48 tournaments.

*Group 3 Secretary, Christine is still trying to update email list and contact #'s.

New Business:

The club will again be selling homemade golumpki the weekend of 12/6-7/24. Pre-orders only. Info will be sent out on the Sokol Club Facebook page. Volunteers are needed for the 3 days leading up to the event to assist with preparing and cooking the golumpki.

The parking lot clean up and repainting of lines is scheduled for Saturday 11/9 @ 9:00 am. We are looking for volunteers to help.

Brother Kevin reviewed the calendar of events: November “Day of giving”; December Christmas lights contest, Ugly sweater/shirt contest. Details are on the SCS Facebook page. Walking program continues all year-there are monthly themes. Bowling tournament: May 16-17, 2025; Slet July 17-20, 2025, based on #'s; Golf Aug 8-10, 2025.

November “Day of Giving”. We will have a box for donations of nonperishable items to donate to St. Denis food bank. We will keep it there all month.

Brother Kevin asked for nominations for Fraternalist of the year. Deadline to submit is 11/15/24.

Grievances and New Motions:

*Tables being borrowed are being returned dirty, this is unacceptable. Recommend that a deposit is left to borrow tables and if returned in a timely manner and in satisfactory condition then the deposit will be returned.

*Brother Roger Manyak recommended that Group 3 donate \$100.00 to the scholarship fund in honor of our deceased members. This was seconded by Judy Manyak. Accepted.

*Brother Kevin reviewed payments to officers. Sister Judy made a motion to increase the salaries of working officers-doubling their salary on years that they work; Seconded by Brother Roger. After discussion, accepted.

Resolutions:

*Congratulations to our Group 3 Sokol Open Committee for another successful golf tournament.

*Thank you to the Board of Directors of the club for the great work they are doing with maintenance and upkeep of the club.

*Thank you to Brother Gary for representing Group 3 at Marty’s funeral.

*Empathy to Brother Gary for his unfortunate play at the international golf tournament.

A motion to Adjourn was made by Judy Manyak, 2nd by Julie Gresian and accepted.

Brother Kevin Conway recited the closing prayer. Sulhas.

Respectfully submitted by
Christine Manyak
Group 3 Secretary



Group 3 of Douglas, MA sponsored the 1st annual Douglas Scarecrow Contest hosted by the Douglas Common Preservation Society this past October. There were 50 entries who participated in this highly successful event. The Scarecrows remained on display throughout the month of October. The wide variety of scarecrows were created by families, individuals, businesses, athletic groups, various clubs and organizations and Town Hall departments. Prizes were awarded to Most Creative, Funniest and Scariest. Visitors frequented the display all month taking pictures of the truly creative works of art. Group 3 will continue to support this amazing event as next year they are hoping to increase the display to 75 scarecrows. Pictured in one of the displays is Group 3 member Randy Manyak and his grandson Jack Gniadek.

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going on in our organization**



You are cordially invited to The Slovak Ball which will take place on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at The Royal Manor in Garfield, NJ.

Join us for the 31st Annual Slovak Ball, a grand celebration set against the enchanting backdrop of Valentine's Day weekend, dedicated to the theme of "LOVE." Delight in an evening filled with heartwarming music, exquisite cuisine, captivating décor, and spirited entertainment—all designed to honor the enduring love Slovaks hold for their cherished heritage. This unforgettable event is a perfect way to celebrate St. Valentine's Day, bringing together the rich cultural traditions and vibrant community spirit that make our Slovak heritage so special.

The black-tie affair will begin with cocktail hour at 7 p.m., followed by a multi-course served dinner, live music by Express, special guest performers from Slovakia, a midnight buffet, dancing until 2 am, a premium open bar all night and our signature Slovak Ball Raffle featuring unique prizes!

Limited tickets are available! Special Pricing until November 30th: Early Bird Tickets: \$180; Young Adult (25 and under): \$130. Starting December 1st ALL Tickets: \$200.

For more information, visit our website: SlovakAmericanCC.org.

DID YOU KNOW...

...that the modern Christmas tree tradition originated in Germany, where families would set up a tree on December 24th, the feast day of Adam and Eve. In the US, Christmas trees have been sold since 1850, and it takes about 15 years to grow the average tree.

...that Christmas was declared as a federal holiday in the United States in 1870.

...that the first Christmas cards were produced by Hallmark in 1915.

... that the original Santa Claus was actually St. Nicholas, a Christian bishop in the 4th century. He didn't wear the red suit that's so famous today, but he did give all of his inheritance to the poor and needy.

OBITUARIES

SISTER JULIA KNAZIK, SS.C.M.

Sister Julia Knazik, SS.C.M. died at Emmanuel Center in Danville, PA on September 28, 2024. She was born in Chtelnica, Slovakia on July 8, 1931 to Victor and Helen (Durdy) Knazik. Julia Victoria Anna Knazik had 2 younger siblings, Mary, and Frank. She attended St. John Nepomucene Grade School in Manhattan, where the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius taught; St Jean Baptiste High School in Manhattan for 2 years, and Saint Cyril Academy in Danville.



After graduating from Saint Cyril Academy in June 1950, she worked as a typist at Some Hospital, then entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius on February 2, 1951, and was professed on August 13, 1953, then making her Final Profession on August 15, 1958. Her first recollection of wanting to be a Sister came in grade school. Sister Julia and her family lived in an apartment building across from St. John's Convent in Manhattan where the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius lived. Julia became curious about the Sisters. Because their chapel faced 66th Street, all those who passed by were able to hear the Sisters chanting Morning and Evening Prayer in Latin. Julia said, "My friend and I were fascinated and often tried to meet in front of the convent at prayer time to listen to the Sisters. No doubt my vocation had its roots in this experience. My desire to become a Sister was confirmed by the fact that I had them as teachers in both elementary and high school. I will never forget the kindness and good example of the Sisters who taught me at St. Cyril Academy.

When Sister Julia entered the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius she expressed a desire to become a nurse. After 3 years of teaching in Pittston, PA, Perth Amboy, NJ and Shamokin, PA, and six years as a nurse's aide at Villa Saint Cyril in Highland Park, IL, she began her Nursing studies first at Gwynedd-Mercy College where she received an Associate Degree in Nursing, and then at Bloomsburg University receiving a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing in 1983. Sister Julia then served as a Nurse and Director of Nursing at Maria Joseph Manor for 23 years, and as a nurse at Maria Hall for 18 years.

Sister Julia Knazik was known for her dedication to religious life and for sharing its benefits with others, especially through her kindness and good humor. In 2013 when she celebrated her 60th anniversary as a Religious Sister, she emphasized her continued love in the life as a Sister of Saints Cyril and Methodius by saying, "Each day I thank God for the gift of my vocation

as a Sister, and the opportunities it gives me to grow through the friendships I have made and the living out of my spiritual life and commitment to God's Call."

Sister Julia is survived by her sister Mary Raffel, sister-in law Barbara Knazik and by nephews and nieces.

Funeral Services and a Mass of Christian Burial were held on Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Maria Hall in Danville, PA followed by burial in the Sisters' cemetery.

Donations in memory of Sister Julia can be made to the Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius, Villa Sacred Heart, 1002 Railroad Street, Danville, PA 17821.

Sister Barbara Sable, SS.C.M.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GROUP 14

HELD IN PITTSBURGH, PA – OCTOBER 8, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Group President Kathy Watkins who extended a warm welcome and hoped that everyone enjoyed the dinner that was provided.

The meeting began with an opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call. A total of 17 officers and members were in attendance.

President Watkins advised that we lost a dear friend and member of the Board, Marty Degnan, recently. He will be missed by all. She also advised that our former Group Secretary, Claudia Borecki, was not in good health. Prayers were offered for all of our deceased members as well as those who are ill, along with those affected by the recent disaster, Helene.

Minutes of the last meeting and officer reports were provided and approved. The books were audited and everything was found to be in order.

Discussions ensued regarding the following topics:

- *Sokol Secure Fund explanation
- *Community Outreach program, Sokol Forward
- *Fraternalist of the Year Nominations
- *Day of Giving – dinner delivery to our senior members
- *International Bowling and Golfs Tournaments
- *Slet
- *Making a connection with inactive wreaths and assemblies within our group.

A request for a donation to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh was made and approved by all.

A motion was made to close the meeting and seconded. All joined for a closing prayer for our living and deceased members.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Walkowiak
Group 14 Secretary



SEPTEMBER 2024

Assembly 9	Barbara Anderson of Kingston, NH	74	September 4, 2024
Assembly 16	Ronald J. Babbie of West Mifflin, PA	82	August 24, 2024
Assembly 25	Gareth S. Lloyd of Vanderbilt, PA	40	September 21, 2024
Assembly 72	Joseph Pecka of Allentown, PA	75	August 13, 2024
Assembly 78	Joan Henick of Bethlehem, PA	75	August 28, 2024
Assembly 79	Nicholas Cassisi of Lilly, PA	73	September 1, 2024
Assembly 79	Regis J. Kinback of Lilly, PA	80	September 22, 2024
Assembly 86	Mary Kachinko of Larksville, PA	91	September 22, 2024
Assembly 104	Veronica Judkins of Pittsburgh, PA	66	September 11, 2024
Assembly 162	Marcella Draina of Ocala, FL	91	August 15, 2024
Assembly 162	Theodore Grzybowski of Clifton, NJ	89	August 28, 2024
Assembly 167	Angela McGuinness of Phoenix, AZ	95	July 30, 2024
Assembly 185	John M. Ziemba of Endicott, NY	70	July 7, 2024
Assembly 239	Melissa Ann McFadden of Uniontown, PA	51	August 27, 2024
Assembly 312	Ann Marie Baratta of Apalachin, NY	87	August 25, 2024
Assembly 312	Helen Brincka of Wantage, NJ	95	September 2, 2024
Assembly 312	John W. Pearce of Moonachie, NJ	59	August 21, 2024
Wreath 1	Jean I. Beezel of Stratford, CT	87	August 5, 2024
Wreath 1	Nancy Bloodgood of So. Plainfield, NJ	76	August 14, 2024
Wreath 29	Dorothy Conrad of Warren, OH	95	September 11, 2024
Wreath 54	Mary Louise Buck of Canfield, OH	84	September 3, 2024
Wreath 54	Florence Pasquale of Wexford, PA	94	September 4, 2024
Wreath 81	Joann Alison Banvich of Dyer, IN	72	August 17, 2024
Wreath 81	James Michael Duha of Whiting, IN	63	September 6, 2024
Wreath 85	Joseph R. Barna of Monaca, PA	92	September 11, 2024
Wreath 111	David Billick of Amherst, OH	78	September 15, 2024

NOVEMBER 2024

Assembly 9	Peter Kasinak of Palm Coast, FL	75	October 17, 2024
Assembly 25	Mary Ann Herron of Greensburg, PA	77	October 15, 2024
Assembly 48	Mary M. Benkovich of Coatesville, PA	98	October 5, 2024
Assembly 48	Milan P. Halgas of Philadelphia, PA	86	October 10, 2024
Assembly 59	Katherine Stack of Ashley, PA	102	September 21, 2024
Assembly 59	Martin Degnan of Wilkes Barre, PA	56	October 2, 2024
Assembly 59	Timothy Shaw of Wilkes Barre, PA	79	October 2, 2024
Assembly 59	Gary Januszko of Wilkes Barre, PA	59	October 4, 2024
Assembly 72	Rose Marie Doney of Emmaus, PA	82	September 21, 2024
Assembly 72	Stephen A. Roman of Whitehall, PA	86	October 5, 2024
Assembly 78	Rosemary Browne of Northampton, PA	77	May 21, 2024
Assembly 79	Darlene Shaner of Lilly, PA	81	September 12, 2024
Assembly 167	Frank Andris of Barberton, OH	90	September 20, 2024
Assembly 312	Janet Martin of Somerdale, NJ	72	December 7, 2024
Assembly 312	Robert J. Horiel of Drexel Hill, PA	85	October 2, 2024
Assembly 312	Patricia Ann Marhefka of Budd Lake, NJ	76	October 2024
Wreath 11	Lynne Ann Griffith of Efland, NC	62	September 9, 2024
Wreath 14	Mary Ann Robatin of Johnstown, PA	87	September 4, 2024
Wreath 22	Anna Rose Grondziowski of Pittsburgh, PA	90	October 6, 2024
Wreath 29	Mary Louise Novak of Springfield, VA	89	August 23, 2024
Wreath 81	Joseph P. Krajnik on Munster, IN	85	September 7, 2024
Wreath 85	Andy Mihalik of Aliquippa, PA	93	October 7, 2024
Wreath 85	Anna Porta of Phoenix, AZ	101	September 30, 2024

RECEPTY NA TRADIČNÉ VIANOČNÉ PEČIVO

ORECHOVÉ FÚKANÉ ROŽKY

- 250 gramov mleté orechy
- 250 gramov polohrubá múka
- 1 čajová lyžička sóda bikarbóna
- 400 gramov práškový cukor
- 250 gramov maslo
- 100 gramov čokoládová poleva



Cukor s múkou a sódou preosejeme, zmiešame s mletými orechmi a pridáme maslo. Keďže toho bolo veľa, dala hmotu najprv premiešať v robote s hnetacou metličkou a potom už raz dva vymiesla cesto. Cesto môže byť trochu drobivé, nevadí. Prípadne môžete pridať 1 -2 PL lyžice vody. Cestom plníme formičky, nevymasťujeme ich, postačí maslo v ceste. Cesta dávame tak aby bolo zarovnané s okrajom formičky. Dobre pritlačíme. Pečieme pri teplote cca 170°C asi 11 minút. Rožky sa vyklápiame z formičiek. Po vychladnutí, konce rožkov môžeme namočiť v roztopenej čokoláde.

LINECKÉ KOLÁČIKY

- 190 gramov maslo
- 280 gramov múka hladká
- 70 gramov práškový cukor
- 1 kus žltok
- štipka mletej vanilky



Z uvedených surovín vypracujeme cesto a necháme chvíľu v chladničke oddýchnuť. Na pomúčenej doske ho vyvalkáme na hrúbku asi 2-3 milimetre a formičkou vykrajujeme rôzne vzory, hviezdy, srdiečka. Poukladáme na plech vystlaný papierom na pečenie a pečieme pri teplote 170-180 stupňov C, len kým nezačnú kraje jemne hnednúť. Koláčiky musia byť svetlé. Upečené ich zliepame džemom, alebo marmeládou. Vrch môžeme poprášiť cukrom.

BOBALKY - OPEKANCE

- Cesto:
- 600 - 800 múka polohrubá
 - podľa potreby vlažné mlieko
 - 3 lyžice cukor
 - sol'



- Kvások:
- 2 dcl vlažné mlieko
 - 30 g droždie
 - 1 - 2 lyžice cukor

Urobíme kvasok, múku rozmiešame so soľou a s cukrom, pridáme vykysnutý kvasok, podľa potreby vlažné mlieko a vypracujeme dosť tuhé cesto, ktoré necháme dobre vykysnúť. Na dosku vysypanú múkou dáme vykysnuté cesto a pokrájame na menšie kúsky a vyšúľame tenší valček a pokrájame na maličké obdĺžniky. Vymastíme plech a zo štvorčekou urobíme guuľky, ktoré položíme na plech a necháme ešte podkysnúť. Vložíme ich do vyhriatej rúry a pečieme asi 7 - 12 min pri 200 - 220 stupňoch C. Upečené

dáme variť približne na 3 minúty do vriacej vody. Vyberieme ich z vody a vložíme do misky. Pridáme roztopené maslo. Posypeme makom, cukrom, polejeme roztopeným maslom.

VIANOČNÉ ŠUHAJDY

- Základ:
- 25 dkg čokolády na varenie
 - 12 dkg 100% tuku



- Plinka:
- 10 dkg 100% tuku
 - 10 dkg orechov
 - 25 dkg práškového cukru
 - 1/2 dcl mlieka
 - 1/2 dcl rumu

Najprv si pripravíme náplň: 10 dkg tuku rozpustíme v hrnci, pridáme nastrúhané orechy, cukor, mlieko, rum a 5 minút povaríme. Necháme vychladnúť. Potom vo vodnom kúpeli rozpustíme spoločne čokoládu na varenie a tuk. Pripravíme si papierové košíčky. Kávovou lyžičkou nalejeme do košíčka čokoládu, potom kávovou lyžičkou náplne, uhladiť náplň a znova kávovou lyžičkou čokolády. Ozdobíme olúpanou mandľou, orechom alebo sušeným ovocím.

KAPUSTNICA

- 1 kg kyslá kapusta, 2 ks klobása, 1 ks cibula, sušené hříby, 2 PL mletá červená paprika, olej, sol', bobkovy list, 2 PL hladká múka

Kyslú kapustu dáme variť do veľkého hrnca, pridáme klobásku a vopred namočené sušené hříby. V inej rajnici dáme na olej pokrájanú cibuľu, papriku, hladkú múku, urobíme zápražku. Klobásku vyberieme, nakrájame na kolieska. Zápražku vlejeme do uvarenej kyslej kapusty, necháme prevrieť, miešame. Klobásku hodíme do plevky, ešte prevaríme. Ochutíme soľou, ak treba.



MEDOVÉ KOLÁČIKY

Suroviny:

- 650 g polohrubej múky, 300 g práškového cukru, 2 čajové lyžičky jedlej sódy, 1 čajová lyžička klinčekov, postrúhaná citrónová kôra, 8 polievkových lyžíc horúceho medu, 3 vajcia, mandle

Postup:

Do múky preosejeme cukor, pridáme jedlú sódu, potlčené klinčeky, postrúhanú citrónovú kôru a s horúcim medom, tromi žĺtkami a dvoma bielkami zarobíme cesto (tretí bielok použijeme na potretie). Cesto vyvalkáme na hrúbku 0,5 cm, vykrojíme rôzne tvary, potrieme ich rozšľahaným bielkom a upečieme v rúre predhriatej na 200 °C.



ŠTEDROVEČERNÝ STÔL SYMBOLIZUJE HOJNOŠŤ

Počas štedrej večere sa pod biely ľanový obrus sa kládli peniaze alebo hrst' ovsu či jačmeňa, aby sa v budúcom roku rozhojnili.

Na tento deň sa aj v časoch biedy odkladala ušetrená múka, cukor, strukoviny, mak, sušené ovocie, lekvár, med, masť na vyprážanie šišiek aj sladké víno. Večera mala obsahovať aspoň deväťoro jedál. Ak bolo jedla dostatok, rodinu čakal priaznivý rok.

Cez deň sa nejedlo nič, alebo len málo, pretože až do Druhého vatikánskeho koncilu v roku 1965 platil na Štedrý deň prísny pôst. Deťom rodičia za sebazaprenie sľubovali, že večer uvidia zlatú hviezdu, krokvu alebo prasiatko. Pôstny obed zvyčajne tvorili zemiaky bez masti s riedkou nevarnou kapustnicou.

Výber štedrovečerných jedál ovplyvňoval charakter krajiny. Jedálne lístky sa rôznili v horských a nížinatých oblastiach, v ovocinárskych, vinohradníckych a pastier-ských regiónoch, v meste a na dedine. K viac-menej univerzálnym jedlám patrili oblátky s medom, kapustnica, zemiaky, varený hrach, fazuľa, opekance, rezance či iné cestoviny a kompót zo sušených sliviek.

S rôznymi druhmi cestovín boli spojené mnohé povery. Varili sa rezance, pirohy, šúlance, halušky a najmä opekance, nazývané aj pupáky alebo bobalky. Veľké pirohy a šúlance symbolizovali napríklad veľké obilné klasy. Vodu z opekancov vylievali pod ovocné stromy, aby dobre rodili. Do tradičnej kapustnice sa pridávali sušené hríby a slivky, nie mäso, pretože aj večera mala byť napriek hojnosti pôstna. Z toho istého dôvodu sa v katolíckom prostredí rozšírilo podávanie ryby.

V dnešnej podobe sa začala ryba konzumovať až v minulom storočí. Dovtedy sa jedli najmä slané a údené ryby. Ryba je zároveň symbolom kresťanstva, odvodeným z doby starovekých prenasledovaní. Grécke slovo ichthys – ryba, znamenalo v tajnej reči kresťanov Ježiš Kristus Syn Boží Spasiteľ – Iesus Christos Then Hyois Soter. Po rybe nasledovala v niektorých oblastiach "Ježiškova kašička", čiže krupicová kaša, ktorú jedla celá rodina z jedného veľkého taniera. Rôzne koláče a zákusky sa pridávali až neskôr – našim predkom ich nahrádzal chlieb, ktorý bol pre nich vzácnosťou.

Vianočné jedlá požívali osobitnú úctu. Zo štedrovečerného stola sa nemohlo nič vyhodiť, odkladali sa aj odrobinky, ktoré vraj pomáhali, keď ochorel dobytok.



POSEDENIE S MIKULÁŠOM V KOSTOLE SV. JÁNA NEPOMUCKÉHO V NYC

Kostol Sv. Jána Nepomuckého usporiada posedenie s Mikulášom v nedeľu 8. decembra o 12.00 hodine popoludní, po slovenskej svätej omši. Podujatie sa bude konať v kostolnej hale na adrese 411 E 66th St, New York, NY.

Počas popoludnia bude podávané občerstvenie a obed a deti dostanú darčeky od Mikuláša.

Usporiadatelia pozývajú záujemcov, aby prišli stráviť veselé popoludnie.



VIANOČNÉ ZVYKY NA SLOVENSKU

CESNAK – symbol zdravia – mal zabezpečiť pevné zdravie celej rodiny počas nasledujúceho roka.

MED – tento tradičný sladký produkt mal v návaznosti na svoju chuť zabezpečiť dobrotu, hojnosť, či príjemnosť. Zabezpečovať mal to, aby ste celý budúci rok boli dobrí a milí. Mnoho rodín si ešte pred štedrou večerou robí z medu krížik na čelo, čo symbolizuje požehnanie v spojitosti s dobrotou.

JABLKO sa po večeri rozkrojilo priečne na polovicu. Ak bol jadrovník v tvare hviezdy, znamenalo to pre rodinu šťastie a zdravie, no ak bol jadrovník v tvare kríža, rodinu podľa tradície čakala choroba, alebo dokonca smrť. Jabĺčko sa potom rozkrojilo na toľko kúskov, koľko členov rodiny bolo pri stole, čo malo symbolizovať ucelenosť rodiny,

ORECHY sa po štedrej večerti nahádzu do každého kúta v príbytku, aby bola v dome rovnaká hojnosť ako v štedrý deň, aj počas celého roka,

JEDEN TANIER NAVYŠE – Podľa starej zvyklosti by sa mal totiž jeden tanier prestrieť aj pre náhodného hosťa. Jedná sa o symbol milosrdenstva a spolupatričnosti.

OPLÁTKY – symbolizujú, že kresťania pristupujú k svätému prijímaniu. Keďže Vianoce sú kresťanským sviatkom, telo Ježiška predstavuje práve oplátka, ktorá sa je na Štedrý deň s medom a cesnakom. Dievčatám robili rodičia krížiky na čelo, aby boli krásne a deťom, aby poslúchali.

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<http://slovakcatholicsokol.org/members/memorialfrmframe.htm>

or simply send your donation to: Michael J. Horvath, SCS Museum Treasurer, 185 Lawrence St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702. Your bequest will be recognized in the Falcon as well as permanently added to the Memorial Scholarship Donation Log which will be kept at the Sokol Museum. Depending on the amount of funds collected, we will be able to award at least two \$1,000 scholarships annually. The hope is that the donated funds will begin a self-perpetuating interest bearing scholarship account.

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