

Another avenue of fraternalism is the number of social clubs that are affiliated with our local assemblies. These social clubs afford a local gathering place for our members to meet, socialize, and plan the fundraising and sporting events mentioned herein.

### Youth Christmas, Easter, and Halloween Parties

Annually our local Assemblies and Wreaths host Christmas, Easter and Halloween parties for our younger members. Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny make their appearance at these events to the delight of our starry-eyed children, presenting them with gifts and enjoyment.

### Scholarship Programs

The Slovak Catholic Sokol has always been committed to promoting higher education among our members through an annual scholarship program making a total of \$60,500 in scholarship grants available to eligible members each year. Scholarship opportunities are offered at three levels:



#### Catholic Grade School Students –

38 Scholarships are awarded at \$250 each.

#### Catholic High School Students –

19 Scholarships are awarded at \$500 each.

#### College Level Scholarships –

30 \$1,000 grants,

- 1 The Joseph and Mary Spernoga Grant, \$500,
- 2 The Theodore and Mary Jane Rich Grant, (1) one male and (1) one female, \$2,500 each,
- 2 The Emil Slavik Grant, (1) one male and (1) one female, \$2,500 each,
- 1 The Doctor Lesko Medical Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000 and
- 2 The Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship, \$500 is awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism.

## Giving Back to Members and Community

### Join Hands Day

On the first Saturday in May, members of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in their local areas come together for “Join Hands Day” to make a difference in their communities through helpful projects that connect youths and adults. “Join Hands Day” gives our society’s membership the opportunity to reach out to people they may know, to connect generations, and to develop new relationships.



### Food and Clothing Collections

Unfortunately, many people throw out perfectly good, used clothes rather than deliver them to the Salvation Army or Goodwill. A clothing drive is a fun and a personally fulfilling way to make it easier for individuals to make a difference helping the less fortunate. Throughout the year, at meetings or local social functions, our members, various drives or fund raisers to assist others in need.



### Membership

To enjoy the numerous benefits of the Slovak Catholic Sokol an individual must be a member of the society. To become a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and wish to enjoy these benefits contact our Sales & Marketing Office (888) 381-5431 or email [sales@slovakcatholicsokol.org](mailto:sales@slovakcatholicsokol.org).

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# SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

## F R A T E R N A L P R O G R A M S

### Fraternal Programs

The Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternal Benefits are jewels within the Fraternal Benefit Society's community. Our slogan a "Sound Mind in a Sound Body" promotes health, religion, and ethnic pride. The programs we provide are driven through our assembly and wreath system; which is deeply rooted in supporting their churches and communities.



Our athletic and gymnastic programs emphasize our belief in both physical and mental health, as well as our commitment to our fraternal way of life. These programs not only offer the opportunity to compete against each other, but also develop the sense of teamwork and camaraderie. These friendships exist beyond team members; they carry over to building new and life-long relationships throughout the organization.

Fraternal programs exist on each level of the organization. International, Regional (Group) and Local (Assemblies/Wreaths).

### International Events

#### International Slet

*(Calisthenics, Gymnastics, Track & Field Meet)*

The hallmark of our fraternal activities is the International Slet, a four-day event which brings together our children and young adults from across the United States and Canada to compete in a variety of gymnastic, calisthenics and track and field events.



The inaugural "National Slet" took place in Wilkes-Barre, PA in 1912, where over 100 of the organization's youth competed, each representing their respective geographical areas.

The International Slet takes place every two years in a selected city throughout the United States and Canada. Typically, a campus-like environment is utilized at either a college or university. Some of the athletes who have participated in this meet have gone on to compete at the collegiate, professional, and Olympic levels.



#### International Bowling Tournament

For over 65 years, men and women of all ages and backgrounds have gathered at various sites throughout the United States and Canada to enjoy their passion for bowling, friendship, and fraternalism. This annual tournament has two divisions, one each for men and women. Events include Teams, Doubles, Singles, and All-Events.



#### International Basketball and Volleyball Tournament

Biannually, men's basketball and women's volleyball teams representing their regions across the United States and Canada converge to compete for the organization's National Title. Although the competition is fierce throughout tournament play, fraternalism and friendship abounds.



### International Softball Tournament

Every summer since 1988, the Slovak Catholic Sokol has organized a Softball Tournament for athletes of our society. Male and female softball teams representing their local areas from Massachusetts to Wisconsin compete in this weekend classic of a Double-Elimination Tournament.



### International Golf Tournament



Mark your calendar! The month of August designates the time when Sokol members and families, both male and female of all ages enjoy three rounds of golf with other fellow Sokol members. There are a number of flights established that meet most skill levels of play. The

Slovak Catholic Sokol takes great pride in the quality of the courses where the tournament is played, as well as the hospitality and fraternalism that prevails.

### Regional and Local Events

Throughout the Sokol community, which encompasses ten states and Canada, fraternal activities thrive. Many of the international events are held regionally through the Eastern and Central District Tournaments where Sokol athletes compete in basketball and volleyball events at various levels. In addition, many of our local groups host bowling and golf tournaments, as well as social events and fund raisers.