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Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

Summer of 2018 is winding down since we already celebrated Labor Day and in a few days autumn will begin.

Now, take a moment and think of all who contribute to the lives we enjoy and reflect on them, because



if one of the workers in the chain were missing we would not have the product or service we enjoy. This shows how important everyone is; no person is less important than the one before or after them.

Let us remember we all work for each other and all should be saluted and thanked.

There are mixed emotions to September as it is back to school time. The joys of parents to see for the first time their child goes off to school and the joys of other parents to just see their children go back to school. No matter which one of the joys you feel it is a good feeling. Then there are the woes of our children facing another school year. So it is important for all of us to remember school should be a safe place for our children to learn and become the best person they can become. School should be safe on the way to and from, this means watch out for the school bus, street cross walks and the roads around a school. And, in school there should be no bullying just a safe environment for learning. Good luck to all for a wonderful and memorable 2018 school year.

September also means there are

only 11 months to go before the Slovak Catholic Sokol 33rd Quadrennial, August 3 -7, 2019 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott, Cleveland, Ohio. Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec and I will be working together to put all the pieces together so the Convention will be enjoyed by all who attend and business done on time.

I want to remind all Assemblies Wreaths and Groups they have a responsibility to prepare their delegates for the Convention. The first way to prepare their delegates is to make sure they understand the Slovak Catholic Sokol Constitution and Bylaws. The next is adhering to the Bylaws, Section 2.1, Duties and Rights of Delegates. It is important that every delegate understands what the process is to become a delegate and what is required to be a Convention delegate.

Some have asked what the 2020 Committee is doing. I would like members to know the 2020 is moving along with their important work to review the corporate structure of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and how it compares to other fraternals and if this corporate structure meets the needs of the current business world. Since only a properly structure business will continue to grow in the every changing business world of the twenty first century. As you have already have read in the Falcon, the 2020 Committee holds meeting and are reviewing many aspects of our society and others. The Chairperson of the Committee has published the min-

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SOKOL CALENDAR



SAT. SEPT. 22

■ Septemberfest celebrating the 10th anniversary of the opening of the National Slovak Society Museum, 351 Valley Brook Rd., McMurray, Pa. 15317-3337, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., exhibits, craft demonstrations, Slovak culinary specialties, and entertainment.

■ 5th annual Simply Slavic Festival celebrating the heritage and traditions of the family of Slavic nations in the downtown section of Cambria City in Johnstown, Pa.

SUN. SEPT. 23

■ 41st annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival at Middlesex County Fair Grounds located 655 Cranbury Road, East

Brunswick, N.J. beginning with exhibits at 10 a.m., Mass at 10.30 a.m., cultural program begins at 2 p.m.

■ The annual benefit "Fall Feast" in support

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OUR NEXT ISSUE IS OCTOBER 17

In keeping with our monthly publishing schedule of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, the next issue will be that of Wednesday, October 17. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Monday, October 8.

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***THE FRATERNAL LIFE**by **Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.**

I hope everyone is enjoying the end of the summer months as we prepare for the fall season. Things seem to get busy as the kids go back to school and schedules really fill up quickly. As the seasons begin to change, this time of year usually marks a few important meetings and conferences related to the fraternal benefit system.

Last week, I was pleased to attend the 2018 American Fraternal Alliance Annual Meeting held in Minneapolis, MN with our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath. The American Fraternal Alliance was established in 1886 and continues to be an organization that strengthens and supports its members in the fraternal benefit sector by its leadership in advocacy and education. Whenever possible, the Alliance looks to work with their member societies, state and federal policy makers, and community service organizations to achieve common goals. The annual meeting provides a forum to representatives of the nation's fraternal dedicated to topics of interest in the fraternal benefit system. The Slovak Catholic Sokol has been a member of the Alliance for many years and the annual meeting gives us an opportunity to address the current conditions that all fraternal are experiencing.

Just like in previous years, this annual meeting was full of information. The many topics discussed included diversity in the workforce, the challenges that many fraternal are facing, and the technological advancements being made in the industry. The way that fraternal life insurance is marketed, sold, bought, and processed has changed dramatically in the technological world we live in. We need to be at the forefront of establishing new ways to reach our members. Please take the time to peek at our website as it is filled with valuable information. Also, take a look at our WIN/WIN LEAD PROGRAM as it

helps everyone involved in the process! If you, or anyone you know are in need of life insurance and/or annuities, please fill out a Win/Win referral card, and someone will contact you immediately. As the strong, family-oriented society that we are, we are all in this together!

I know that there are many local Assembly/Wreath functions planned for the Fall Season. I urge all of our Assembly and Wreath Officers to announce the event in our publication and to follow up after the event with brief articles and photos. It is important for everyone in our Organization to see and hear from our active local lodges.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming 33rd Quadrennial Convention that will be held August 3rd-7th, 2019 in Cleveland, OH at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. You will be hearing more in the upcoming issues of the Falcon regarding this important event.

I would like to congratulate all our flight winners at the recent 63rd International Golf Tournament held in West Middlesex, PA. A wonderful time was had by all and the spirit of fraternalism shone brightly. Thank you to our Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, and his entire staff for their efforts to make this wonderful event a success. A huge congratulations to our 2018 Frank S. Petruff Award winner, Robert R. Palchanis, Jr. from S-059, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Bob is longtime attendee at our annual tournament and truly deserving of this special award. Congratulations Bob!

Until next time, enjoy the beginning of the fall season and God Bless!

Zdar Boh!

**Group Annual Meetings****GROUP 1****"MSGR. STEPHEN J. KRASULA"**

Our annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 28 at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish, 218 Ackerman Avenue in Clifton, N.J. Our program begins with attendance at the 10:30 a.m. Slovak Mass which will be celebrated by our chaplain, the Rev. Richard D. Baker. Following the liturgy, the annual meeting will be called to order in the church hall. Hosting this year's meeting will be Assembly 1 and Wreath 2 of Passaic. We hope to have all Group 1 lodges represented at this important meeting. Reservations should be made with the secretary at tel. 1 800 886-7656. Deadline for reservations is Monday, October 22. Plans for our activities for the new year will be finalized. Zdar Boh!

John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.*President***Daniel F. Tanzone***Secretary***GROUP 2, "REV. STEPHEN PANIK"**

All is in readiness as we anticipate our annual meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 30 at the Blue Goose Restaurant in Stratford, Conn. Our meeting will be called order at 1 p.m. Our meeting agenda includes: reports of the officers and local Assemblies and Wreaths, and upcoming events. Following our meeting a delicious luncheon will be enjoyed. RSVP to President Eileen S. Wilson at tel 203 378-8837. Deadline for reservations is September 19. Wreath 1 will host its annual meeting immediately following the Group 2 meeting. Zdar Boh!

Eileen S. Wilson*President***John Tkacik***Secretary***GROUP 3, "REV. EDMUND MOCHAK"**

This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, September 23 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Hall, located on Route 16 in Douglas, Mass. beginning at 9:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Plans for our various fraternal and sporting events in the new year will be finalized. Input from our members will insure their success. Coffee and Danish will be served. Officers are reminded to have their annual reports for presentation. Zdar Boh!

Christine Manyak*Secretary*

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*Why You Need Title Insurance***The Importance of Protecting Title and Your Home investment****By John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., General Counsel**

The purchase of a home is one of the most emotional and expensive transactions a person may experience in a lifetime, As a real estate attorney who represents many first-time home buyers, I am asked to explain many things, but most of all I entertain questions concerning title insurance. Often I am asked by prospective buyers, "Why do I need title insurance?" To understand why title protection is essential, one needs to appreciate the strong sense of security in knowing that the property a buyer is about to purchase will safely and rightfully belong to him or her. Just as fire insurance protects one against losses from a fire and automobile insurance guards one against the cost of damages in an accident, title insurance protects a purchasers ownership interest in real estate that he or she is about to acquire.



In order to understand why one needs title insurance, one should understand what the term "title" means. By definition, title is the complete ownership to the property. It is a history of the property that reflects previous deeds, mortgages, easements, judgments and other possible liens, like a municipal tax lien due to the failure to pay property taxes, Unfortunately, even the most diligent search of the public records could fail to disclose a plethora of title defects. These defects could include matters such as forged deeds; a married person conveying real estate without the consent of a spouse; errors in the indexing of public records; or inheritance issues such as an improperly probated will or missing heirs.

At the time of the house closing, a deed is executed by the seller which conveys title to the purchaser. The deed, itself, does not prove that the purchaser owns the property completely without potential adverse claims. In essence, a deed is simply a document transferring the right of ownership to the buyer. However, that right of ownership may be encumbered by title wrinkles such as liens and judgments outstanding against the property. Such defects will not be shown on a deed. Hence, the last thing purchasers need to worry about is finding out that they made substantial mortgage payments on a home which has title defects and thus, may not legally be theirs due to a problem in the past history of ownership. Therefore, if there is an issue with the title to the property, a purchaser may not be getting what he or she is paying for at the time of closing. This is why it is essential that a buyer obtains title insurance - to protect a purchaser from unknown title defects.

Before offering to issue a title insurance policy, a title insurance professional performs a search to assess what is on public record that may adversely affect title. The agent will identify any outstanding claims or possible problems that could arise in the future. Once these title issues have been resolved, the title agent will issue a title insurance policy insuring that the purchaser has clear title to the property. By acquiring title insurance, a purchaser is safeguarding his or her investment against these above mentioned horrors. Therefore, the title protection, through the vehicle of an owners title policy, will insulate a purchaser from any later determined mistakes or defects in the chain of title that might otherwise result in financial loss to a buyer. Consequently, if a title defect surfaces after the closing, the title insurance company will cover costs and legal fees in connection with defending against an alleged title claim. The policy

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**Thoughts from our Supreme Chaplain,
Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdovic****Our Lady of Compassion**

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows grew in popularity in the 12th century, although under various titles. Some writings would place its roots in the eleventh century, especially among the Benedictine monks. The first altar to the Mater Dolorosa was set up in 1221 at the Cistercian monastery of [Schönau](#).

The formal feast of Our Lady of Sorrows was originated by a provincial synod of [Cologne](#) in 1423. It was designated for the Friday after the third Sunday after Easter and had the title: Commemoration angustiae et doloris B. Mariae V. Its object was the sorrow of Mary during the Crucifixion and Death of Christ. Before the sixteenth century this feast was limited to the dioceses of North Germany, Scandinavia, and Scotland.

According to Fr. William Saunders, "... in 1482, the feast was officially placed in the Roman Missal under the title of Our Lady of Compassion, highlighting the great love our Blessed Mother displayed in suffering with her Son. The word compassion derives from the Latin roots cum and patior which means "to suffer with".

After 1600 it became popular in France and was set for the Friday before Palm Sunday. By a Decree of 22 April 1727, Pope [Benedict XIII](#) extended it to the entire Latin Church, under the title "Septem dolorum B.M.V." In 1954, it still held the rank of major double (slightly lower than the rank of the September feast) in the [General Roman Calendar](#). Pope [John XXIII](#)'s 1960 [Code of Rubrics reduced](#) it to the level of a [commemoration](#).

The Seven Sorrows (or Dolours) are events in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary that are a popular devotion and are frequently depicted in art.

These Seven Sorrows should not be confused with the five [Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary](#).

1. The Prophecy of Simeon. ([Luke 2:34-35](#))
2. The escape and Flight into Egypt. ([Matthew 2:13](#))
3. The Loss of the [Child Jesus](#) in the Temple of Jerusalem. ([Luke 2:43-45](#))
4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on the [Via Dolorosa](#).
5. [The Crucifixion of Jesus](#) on Mount Calvary. ([John 19:25](#))
6. The Piercing of the Side of Jesus with a spear, and His [Descent from the Cross](#). ([Matthew 27:57-59](#))
7. The [Burial of Jesus](#) by [Joseph of Arimathea](#). ([John 19:40-42](#))
8. It is a common practice for Catholics to say daily one [Our Father](#) and seven [Hail Marys](#) for each.



63RD INTERNATIONAL SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 10 - 12 – Oak Tree and Tam-O-Shanter Golf Course, West Middlesex, PA
 By Julie Laury, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member

The 63rd International Slovak Catholic Sokol Golf Tournament was held August 10- 12 at Oak Tree and Tam-O-Shanter Golf Course, West Middlesex, PA. 121 golfers participated in the tournament including 11 members of the Greek Catholic Union(GCU). The weather for the weekend proved to be beautiful golf weather with emperatures in the mid 80's.



This year's winners include: "A" Flight Winners– first place - Gary Watkins (140), and in second place - Dr. Joseph Baytosh (145). Flight "A" top scratch score winner - Gary Watkins (156). "B" Flight Winners - first place - Thomas Petrus (131) and in second place - Joe Burfield (137). "B" flight best scratch score was shot by Joe Burfield (165). There was a tie for the "C" Flight Winner - Jake Pontoriero and Corey Shedlock both shot the score of (140). The best scratch score goes to Corey Shedlock (184). "Senior" Flight winners- first place went to Steven Pogorelec, Sr.(131) and second place went to Albert Suess (135). The best scratch score goes to Albert Suess (159). "Callaway" Winners

rounded out the men's division: Brian E. Hornacek(146) who also had the best scratch score (176). The second place winner was Tom Iskra, Jr. (148). "Women's" Flight winners- first place - Gail Etter, GCU (149) and for a second year in a row second place went to Mary Ruth Savikas (150). "Women's" best scratch score of (191) was shot by MaryJo Goss for a second year in a row, too.

The tournament weekend started off with a practice round on Friday, and regulation play beginning Saturday morning through Sunday afternoon using a Shot gun start format. Most of the golfers took advantage of the practice round on Friday and enjoyed the evening hospitality at the Park Inn by Radisson Hotel. Everyone enjoyed fellowship of eating hors d'oeuvres and drinking beverages in the courtyard. Some food favorites were: BBQ Pulled Pork and Little Cheeseburger Sliders, Feta/Spinach Pockets, Teriyaki Beef Skewers, and Veggie/Fruit trays. There was a great selection of beverages and selected drinks offered as well. A little later in the evening from Youngstown, OH, Group 17's President and Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, Jim Jerek along with Group 17's Edith Babik, Judy Babik, Mary Margaret Starr, Loretta Smith and our very own Supreme Physical Fit-

63RD INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

"A" FLIGHT, Gary Watkins

"B" FLIGHT, Tom Petrus

"C" FLIGHT (tie), Jake Pontoriero
 and Corey Shedlock

"D" FLIGHT, Brian Hornachek

SENIOR MEN'S FLIGHT, Steven Pogorelec, Sr.

SENIOR WOMEN'S FLIGHT, Gail Etter-GCU

FRANK S. PETRUFF MEMORIAL
 SPORTS AWARD

Robert Palachanis, Jr.
 Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA

ness Board Member, Nancy Kropolinsky, was very gracious in providing the golfers with some of their own hospitality; meat and cheese trays, veggie tray, and beverages for both Friday and Saturday nights. Thanks a million Group 17!!

The tournament began with golfers checking in on Saturday morning at the Oak Tree Course. Participants were given a souvenir beverage opener and golf towel along with the option to register for the closest to the pin contest. Oak Tree's Golf Pro reviewed tournament rules.

Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James Matlon, wished all golfers good luck and the shotgun start signaled 61 golf carts to head towards their starting location. Being assigned to work this tournament as opposed to golfing in it, gave me the opportunity to witness amazing shots throughout the weekend. It was inspiring to watch all golfers hit balls over water, across ravines, and through trees. True Sokol fraternalism was displayed as all expressed appreciation for having their game interrupted for a picture. Had I not worked the tournament, I would not have witnessed pride in many parent's eyes standing next to their sons or daughters for a photo, the camaraderie and lively attitude towards golf the younger generation displayed as well as the determination the more seasoned golfers pushed

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Robert Palchanis, Jr., the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award recipient is shown above with his lovely wife, Theresa. Looking are his daughter, Kelly Palchanis and Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. Brother Palchanis hails from Assembly 59 in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Scenes of our 63rd International Golf Tournament Oak Tree Country Club – West Middlesex, Pa. – August 10-12



Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., second from the right, enjoyed the competition with Canadian golfers, I-r, Mike Kapitan and Eddie Bajus and his brother Steven M. Pogorelec, Jr.



Members of Group 5's Hornacek clan included, I-r, John S. Hornacek, Brian E. Hornacek, James D. Hornacek and Scott A. Hornacek.



Veteran Group 7 golfers who enjoyed the competition included, I-r, Tom Iskra, Sr., Tom Iskra, Jr., David Iskra, Sr. and Justin Francis.



Golfers from Group 5 and Group 14 who enjoyed the competition included, I-r, Supreme Physical Director John M. Underation, Gary Watkins, Marty Underation and Edward Baker.



Golfers I-r, Joe Burfield, Matt Bufield, and Ryan Burfield from Group 5 were joined by Donald Papcun of Group 16 at the competition.



Golfers from Canada and Ohio who enjoyed the competition included, I-r, Kenny Cunningham, Joseph Genet, Supreme Assistant Physical Director Dusan Dorich, and John Tutko.



Group 17 golfers enjoying the competition included, l-r, Dr. Joseph Baytosh, DDS, Ken Hlebovy, Glen Kramer and Robert Hritz.



Lovely Group 17 golfers included, l-r, Judy Babik, Jean Karaffa, Loretta Smith, and Mary Starr.



Well-known Sokolky who enjoyed the competition included, l-r, Kelly Underation of Group 5, Supreme Physical Directress Kathleen S. Watkins, Edie Babik of Group 17 and her daughter, Member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board Nancy Kropolinsky.



Pittsburgh golfers included, l-r, Cliff Moeller, Robert Macurak, Ken Simon and Donald Macurak.



Group 9 golfers enjoying the tournament included, l-r, Corey J. Shedlock, Robert J. Shedlock, Francis Waksmunski and Keith Shedlock.



Pittsburgh golf participants included, l-r, Benjamin Moeller, Joseph Toth, Shawn Brennan and Jason Fareri.



Group 5 golfers enjoying the tournament included, l-r, Carol and Robert Macko and Mary Jo and Wane Goss.



Group 9 golfers from Assembly 79 in Lilly, Pa. enjoying the competition included, l-r, Kevin Waksmunski, Brian Phillips, James Bart and John Smith.

Message from our Supreme President

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utes of the meetings in the Falcon to show what the Committee is doing and to give transparency to the discussions and workings of the Committee. This will continue to be done until the Committees gives its final report and recommendations.

Since September is the month to think of safety, it is a good way to ask ourselves are we thinking of safety when it comes to safety for our family with regards to our life insurance needs. There are many signs that ask us to think about safety, the number one is "Safety First". Examine your insurance needs and ask yourself, am I keeping my family safe. If you find that there is a need to give your family a safe future, contact our Supreme Secretary or Director of Sales and Marketing for advice on how to assure you and your family's future is as safe as possible.

With God's blessing to all!
Zdar Boh!

The Importance of Protecting Title and Your Home investment

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will also cover, up to the face amount, any loss of title of the cost of curing the title defect. Moreover, purchasers are covered for as long as they own the property with a one-time premium that is paid up front at closing.

In conclusion, title insurance is a must have when purchasing a home. It protects the homeowner in the event a third party makes a claim against the property as a result of a defect in title arising out of past events in the history of ownership. By eliminating such risks, having title insurance unquestionably offers peace of mind to all prospective buyers that one of their largest lifetime investments will be a safe one.

Our Newest Group 16 Sokol

Group 16 President Andrea Ames Papcun is shown above presenting the Rev. Libor Marek with his new Sokol life insurance certificate.



Father Marek serves as pastor of SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish in Sterling Heights, Mich. Father Marek has accepted the position as chaplain of Group 16, "Rev. Ferdis Juriga." It has been the practice of Group 16 to enroll the pastor of the Sterling Heights parish as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol and to ask him to serve as the Group's chaplain. This year, SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish is

celebrating its 100th anniversary. The parish had its beginnings on Detroit's East Side. A new parish plant was built in Sterling Heights in 1998. Welcome Father Marek and Zdar Boh!

Supreme Auditors meet for semi-annual audit



Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., second from the right, is shown welcoming our Supreme Auditors at the home office for their semi-annual audit which was conducted August 17-18. Shown with Brother Pogorelec are, l-r, Supreme Auditor James F. Knis of Canton, Oh., Chairperson of Supreme Auditors James G. Jerek of Boardman, Oh. and Supreme Auditor Brian Suchy of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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41ST NEW JERSEY SLOVAK FESTIVAL SET FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

All is in readiness for this year's 41st annual New Jersey Slovak Heritage Festival set for Sunday, September 23rd at the Middlesex County Fair Grounds located 655 Cranbury Road in East Brunswick, N.J. The grounds open at 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 10.30 a.m. A Lutheran service will be celebrated at 11.30 a.m.



The cultural program begins at 2 p.m. Slovak folk ensembles from the area as well as Slovakia will be featured. The first group to perform will be Pramienok, a children's group from St. Michael the Archangel Slovak Parish in Trenton, N.J. Limboracik from New York will be featured at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m. the Limbora Slovak Folk Ensemble of New York will perform followed by the featured soloist from Slovakia, Veronika Rabada. At 4 p.m., the Igor Kucer Band from Slovakia will play followed by the BastaFidly Band also from Slovakia.

Throughout the afternoon, colorful exhibits will be featured as well as vendors offering a variety of imported Slovak crystal, colorful artifacts and literature. Delicious Slovak culinary specialties along with traditional American picnic favorites will be available throughout the day. An enjoyable time is assured. Admission payable at the door includes \$10.00 for adults, children up to age 15 are welcome free of charge. There is plenty of free parking. This year's festival is dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the first Republic of Czechoslovakia and the 25th anniversary of the independence of Slovakia. Sokol members have been a part of these festivals from the very beginning. Therefore, we hope to see many Sokol members from across the area at this year's festival celebrating Slovak culture, heritage and pride.



The name September comes from the Roman word 'septem', which means seven, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month. The Anglo-Saxons called it Gerst monath (Barley month), because it was their time when they harvested barley to be made into their favorite drink - barley brew. They also called it Haefest monath, or Harvest month.

Group Annual Meetings

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GROUP 5 "JAN HOLLY"

The annual meeting will be held on Sunday October 14, 2018 in Barberton Oh. It will be hosted by Assembly 167 and held at the Barberton Sokol Center. Registration will be at 9:00 a.m.; Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Prince of Peace parish. Meeting and luncheon to follow. Cost of luncheon is \$10. Each Assembly and Wreath is asked to RSVP with a count of delegates. Officers should RSVP and submit report-reminder. If unable to attend report must be received in order to receive annual compensation. RSVP to secretary Karen Hutnick at 330-877-9138 or hutnick126@yahoo.com or Kathy Figard 330-336-4172.

Karen Hutnick
Secretary

GROUP 6, "MSGR. ANDREW HLINKA"

This year's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 14 at the Clubhouse Grille Restaurant located at 215 State Route 985(Cedarbrook Golf Course) in Belle Vernon, Pa. beginning at 1:15 p.m. An enjoyable luncheon will be enjoyed by all. In order to make the necessary reservations, those planning to attend should call Anna Mae Warnick at tel. 724-736-4032 by Sunday, September 30. We hope to have all Group 6 lodges represented at this meeting. An enjoyable fraternal afternoon is assured.

Zdar Boh!
Anna Mae Warnick
President
Terri Gardner
Secretary

GROUP 11, "ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE"

This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 14 in Minneapolis, Minn. Our program begins with attendance at the 9 a.m. Mass at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius located at 13th Ave. & 2nd St., N.E. Our meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Father Dargay Hall of the parish. Coffee and rolls will be available before the meeting and lunch will be served following the business meeting. Hosting this year's meeting are Assembly 34 and Wreath 47. All delegates and guests from Minneapolis, Duluth, Minn. and Superior, Wis. and Ironwood, Mich. are requested to register with the Group Secretary by Oct. 7.

Zdar Boh!

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Andrew J. Pavlica named Municipal Clerk of the Year



Our well-known Assembly 1 Sokol and respected civil servant, Andrew J. Pavlica, affectionately known as Drew, was recently honored by the Municipal Clerks Association of New Jersey. At the group's annual meeting held on May 3 at Caesars Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., Drew was honored as "Municipal Clerk of the Year. Drew currently serves as the City Clerk of Garfield, N.J. The selection of the 2018 Municipal Clerk of the Year is a well kept secret until the annual meeting. The announcement of this year's honoree was read at the gathering by John Mitch of Woodbridge Township, the 2017 Municipal Clerk of the Year. Brother Drew has served as the City Clerk of Garfield since 1987. Over his years of service, he never missed a Council Meeting, certainly an enviable record. He is a past president of the Bergen County Municipal Clerks Association. He hails from a pioneer Sokol family. His great-grandfather, Jozef Prelich was among the original 46 founders of the Slovak Catholic Sokol in Passaic, N.J. His family has its religious roots in St. Mary of the Assumption Slovak Parish in Passaic, N.J. Our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Brother Drew on the occasion of this well-deserved honor. He is a dedicated civil servant who brings honor to the Slovak community. He beautifully mirrors the highest traditions of our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Congratulations and Zdar Boh!

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through knowing that's what it takes to keep the game going. I thank all of you for giving me that opportunity.

At the end of the first day of the tournament, Mass to satisfy the Sunday obligation was offered and celebrated at a choice of three local churches. After Mass, the golfers and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner in the ballroom at the Park Inn by Radisson. The banquet featured Sirloin Beef Medallions, Stuffed Pork Loin, Seared Chicken in a Basil Cream Sauce, Bowtie Pasta, Fresh Vegetable Medley, Roasted Red Potatoes, salad, rolls, butter and assortment of cakes and pies for dessert. The Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Jim Matlon, welcomed golfers and guests and started the evening program with the National Anthems for US, Canada and Slovakia followed by a moment of silence for our Honorary Supreme Officers, Frank E. Macey, Andrew J. Hvozdic, and Joseph R. Underation, that had passed away since the last golf tournament.

Next, James Matlon asked all veterans to stand and the attendees offered recognition for their service to the United States of America. James then introduced the GCU President, George Juba, who gave a warm welcome and recognized their officers: National Directors Michael Karaffa and Gregory Vladika, and General Council, Theodore Trbovich were present. Then, James, offered a prayer and blessing before the meal. Following the meal, the Assistant Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, Frank Laury, recognized the Supreme and Honorary Supreme officers in attendance, which included Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme Vice President Edward Moeller, Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics James Matlon, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors James J. Jerek, Supreme Physical Fitness Director John Underation, Supreme Physical Fitness Directress Kathy Watkins, Supreme Assistant Physical Fitness Director Dusan Dorich, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Members Julie Laury and Kevin Matlon, Director of Sales Albert Sues, and Honorary Supreme officers, Steven Pogorelec, Sr..

James Matlon then announced flight leaders and Julie Laury revealed the winners of the closest to the pin Saturday contest. The closest to the pin winners included: Glenn Kramer, Jeff Recker, and Marilyn Fenati. Following the announcements of the closest to the pin winners, Julie continued to call raffle winners. Once, she finished giving away all of the raffle gifts our Supreme Secretary, Scott Pogorelec, welcomed golfers and reflected on the honor and recognition that comes with the Frank S. Petruff Sports Award. He recognized past winners and asked those present to come forward to induct a new winner into this prestigious group. Past Golf Awardees included, Edith Babik, Joe Genet, Robert Harak, Tom Muldoon Jr., Loretta Smith, and John Hornacek. The award winner for the 2018 was Robert Palchanis, Jr. from Assembly 59, Wilkes-Barre, PA. Robert graciously accepted the award and was humbled by the recognition. The tournament ended Sunday at the Tam -O-Shanter Golf Course.

Once again, the beautiful morning began with a shotgun start that set all golfers on their way. Closest to the Pin winners on Sunday included: Dusan Dorich, Marty Underation, Thomas Petrus, and Gary Watkins. A special thank you goes out to the following individuals who volunteered and helped make this year's tournament a success: wife of the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics Claire Matlon, Supreme Physical Fitness Board Member Nancy Kropolinsky, Supreme Vice President Edward Moeller, husband of Supreme Directress Gary Watkins, Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors James Jerek, and Supreme Secretary Scott Pogorelec. Also to be recognized were the staff at both golf courses, hospitality and Banquet facilities. Finally, a very special "Thank You" goes to Youngstown, OH Group 17 for spoiling us with some good old fashioned hospitality the "Sokol" way. In conclusion, thanks to the Sokol Members and GCU for participating in the golf tournament. Without your involvement and fraternalism, the tournament would not have been a success. We hope to see everyone back next year!! Zdar Boh!

Group Annual Meetings

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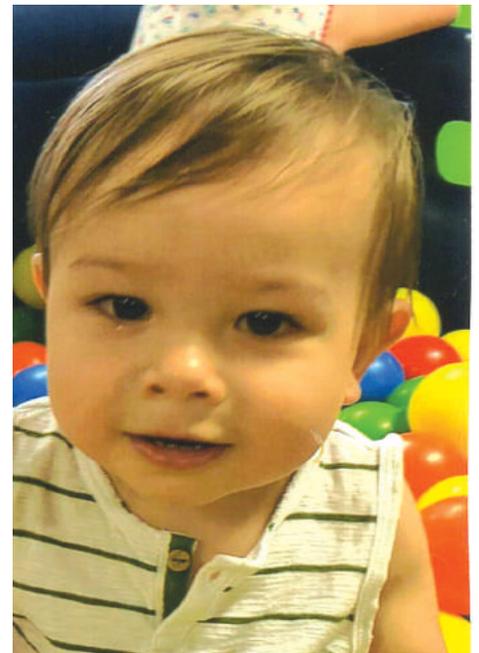
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GROUP 18, "REV. JOSEPH MARTINEK"

This year's annual meeting is set for Sunday, October 28 at the American Legion Hall located at 3 West Ridge Street in Lansford, Pa. beginning at 12 noon. Following our business meeting, a delicious luncheon will be enjoyed. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 14. The cost for non-members is \$12.00. For reservations call Len Benek at tel. 570 645-4013 or John Benek at 484 707-6676. We hope to have representation from all our lodges at this important meeting. Plans for the new year will be finalized. The Assembly 188 meeting will follow immediately.

Zdar Boh!
Len Benek
President

Introducing our newest member



Justin Peter Bakarich, born May 18, 2017 is the son of Ellen Montemayur and Peter J. Bakarich, III of Hoboken, N.J. He was enrolled as a member of Assembly 1 in Passaic, N.J.

Anna Kolesarova, a Slovak teen, Beatified in Kosice on Sept. 1

A 16-year-old peasant girl was beatified as a martyr in Slovakia on Sept. 1, seven decades after she was shot in front of her family resisting rape by a drunken Soviet soldier.



More than 30,000 turned out for the beatification ceremony in Lokomotiva Stadium in Kosice presided over by Giovanni Cardinal Beccu, prefect of the Vatican's Congregation for Saints' Causes. Joining him at the historic rite were bishops from across Slovakia.

Anna Kolesarova "embodies the faithful layperson living in their family, regularly receiving the sacraments, praying the rosary and approaching God through good works. Her heroic testimony, drawn from a sincere spiritual life, is something every Catholic and believer can aspire to," Archbishop Bernard Bober of Kosice, Slovakia told Catholic News Service on August 21.

He said honoring Miss Kolesarova whose "reputation for holiness" had inspired young Slovaks, would give the local Church a unique chance for spiritual growth. "The story of 16-year-old Anna Kolesarova offers a strong message, of course for the younger generation," he said.

Kolesarova was born July 14, 1928, in Vysoka nad Uhom, near the present Slovak-Ukrainian border. When she was 13, her mother died, so she took over household duties and regularly attended Mass and rosary services with her father and elder brother.

When the Red Army captured the village Nov. 22, 1944, witnesses said Kolesarova had donned her mother's black dress to disguise her youth; she took refuge in the cellar. Asked to find food when a drunken soldier entered the house, Miss Kolesarova broke free when he tried to rape her. She was shot twice through the head in front of her father and neighbors.

The 16-year-old was buried at night in a makeshift coffin but was given a formal funeral a week later by Father Anton Lukac, who recorded that she had received confession and Communion before her death and made a "sacrifice of holy purity."

In a website statement of the Kosice Archdiocese, accounts of her testimony had been secretly gathered in the 1950s by Jesuit Father Michal Potocky. The statement said her grave had become a place of pilgrimage only after the 1989 collapse of communist rule. — Jonathan Luxmoore, CNS



Beatification of Anna Kolesarova. — Photo: TASR

New York Parish plans traditional fall "Dozinky" festival on Oct. 21

New York's United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini will host a traditional fall harvest festival in the Slovak tradition of "Zatva and Dozinky" on Sunday, October 21. Festivities begin with Mass celebrated in Slovak at 10:15 a.m. and 12 noon in English in the church located at the corner of 66th and First Avenue in Manhattan.

Following the liturgy the traditional merriment begins in the parish social hall. Traditional Slovak culinary specialties will be featured along with music for dancing and listening pleasure provided by Express, a popular New York area ensemble. Tickets for the "Dozinky" festival are \$40.00 per person and include appetizers, soup, the main meal and dessert along with beer, wine and soft drinks included. Children age 12 and younger are welcome at \$10.00. For reservations call the rectory at tel. 212 734-4613.

Father Richard D. Baker, pastor of the parish and chaplain of Group 1, extends a cordial invitation to area members to join the parish for a memorable and enjoyable afternoon.

The harvest or "Zatva" was one of the most important events in the traditional life of rural Slovaks. Historically, Slovakia was mainly an agricultural area, so for many people, a good harvest could mean the difference between a bountiful or poverty-stricken year. Slovaks had to work hard and fast, and protect the fruit of their labors. Bringing in a successful harvest was cause for great rejoicing.

The Dozinky or harvest festival marked the final step in celebrating the conclusion of the growing season. They had the equivalent of the American and Canadian feasts of Thanksgiving, which express gratefulness to God for a bountiful harvest. Both the Zatva and Dozinky played a significant role in enabling many Slovaks to survive and enjoy the fruits of their labor.

So, join in the feasting and celebrating in New York on Sunday, October 21. An enjoyable time is assured. Members of the New York lodges of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, the First Catholic Slovak Union and the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association are serving on the Dozinky committee.

CENTENNIAL OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S FOUNDING SET IN CLEVELAND, OH

A celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Czechoslovakia will be held in Cleveland, Oh. the weekend of October 26-28. Festivities will be held at the Bohemian National Hall located at 4939 Broadway Avenue in downtown Cleveland.

The large Cleveland area Czech and Slovak communities were active in the liberation movement of their fellow brethren at home in the years following the start of World War I in 1914. What the Czechs and Slovaks in America believed their fellow countrymen would accept in the event of their liberation was set forth in a document known as the Cleveland Agreement, signed on October 25, 1915 taking its name from the city where American Czech and Slovak leaders met. In short, the agreement provided for autonomy for both the Czech lands and Slovakia. The provisions of this agreement became the foundation of the Pittsburgh Agreement signed in May 1918 by Thomas G. Masaryk. Czechoslovakia, originally spelled with hyphen to emphasize the duality of the country, declared its independence on October 28, 1918. Masaryk was elected as the country's first president on November 14 of that year.

Complete details of the Cleveland celebration will be forthcoming.

What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



News and Views from Slovakia...

KORCOK IN USA WANTS TO INTENSIFY RELATIONS AT HIGHEST LEVEL

Slovak President Andrej Kiska on Tuesday, August 28 handed over credentials to Ivan Korcok, the designated Slovak ambassador to the United States.



Korcok in the USA wants to protect the interests of both Slovakia and the EU and intensify relations at the highest level.

"There's a need for our top political leaders to meet," he said after receiving the credentials.

Kiska considers Korcok to be a top diplomat, and he likes the fact that Korcok isn't afraid to fight for values. "The world is complicated, and there are plenty of questions nowadays about the direction in which we're heading. It's therefore even more important that you will represent our country to such an important partner as the United States," Kiska told Korcok.

The new ambassador would like to contribute towards strengthening already positive American-Slovak relations. Korcok's personal challenge is "to try to leave a positive trace of Slovakia in this huge country". This can be achieved via Slovak culture, he added.

Korcok acted as deputy for Slovakia's Foreign and European Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak during the period when Lajcak served as the president of the 72nd UN General Assembly in the USA. The Government hasn't yet approved Korcok's successor in the post of Foreign Affairs Ministry state secretary. According to Lajcak, Frantisek Ruzicka, who led Lajcak's team at the UN, is the only candidate for the post, however.

NATO LAMBASTES SLOVAK ARMED FORCES IN ITS EVALUATION REPORT

The North Atlantic Alliance (NATO) in its summarizing evaluation report reproaches the Slovak Armed Forces, saying that the building of a heavy infantry brigade, which was supposed to be Slovakia's main priority, has been too slow and that the number of soldiers and military doctors is insufficient, TASR learned from Martin Dubeci of the non-parliamentary Progressive Slovakia (PS) party, who published the review on Facebook.

According to the report, NATO also recommends that Slovakia should double its efforts in the field of meeting the Alliance's objectives in terms of quantity, quality and time, as well as to boost the management of the armed forces, especially in the field of defence planning.

The NATO report further points out that NATO defence ministers agreed in 2017 that Slovakia should give priority to the development of an infantry brigade. A medium-sized infantry brigade should have been fully available this year, but this goal has not been met. As for a fully-capable heavy infantry brigade, Slovakia committed itself to building it until 2030, which NATO considers to be insufficient.

In 2017 the Slovak Government agreed to purchase the 4x4 and 8x8 military armored vehicles to replace obsolete military equipment. However, no decision has yet been made regarding the chassis on which the armored vehicles should be. As a result, it remains unclear whether the armored vehicles will meet the requirements of a heavy infantry brigade, reads the NATO review report.

The Defence Ministry responded that NATO's criticism directed towards the Slo-

vak Armed Forces is nothing new for the ministry and that the long-term shortage of funding as well as neglecting the defence area as such are mainly behind the poor state of the Slovak Armed Forces.

PREMIER: EMPLOYING FOREIGNERS IN SLOVAKIA MUST BE SPEEDED UP

Due to the shortage of labour in the country, Slovakia needs to adopt a number of measures in the area of the controlled import of labour, including a measure that will cut the time needed for companies to hire foreigners, stated Prime Minister Peter Pellegrini (Smer-SD) on Tuesday after talks about the lack of labour in the country.

"Our factories need to respond very quickly to demand, so individual ministers were given specific tasks at the meeting. Over the next two weeks all the state authorities that have something to do with approving the influx of labour from abroad, including the Foreign Police, the Interior Ministry, the Labour Ministry and the Foreign Affairs Ministry, are set to submit a package of further measures aimed at facilitating the whole process without these being strictly of a legislative nature," said the premier.

"The situation in Slovakia is rather critical at the moment," added Pellegrini, noting that if the country doesn't speed up processes for accepting foreign employees, Slovakia could lose its competitiveness vis-a-vis surrounding countries.

"However, we won't adopt measures that would deteriorate the conditions for Slovak employees, which means that we won't tolerate any social dumping..." said the premier, adding that the import of foreign labour will be monitored, and companies will have to employ foreigners under the same conditions as those provided to Slovak employees and only in professions for which Slovakia lacks labour. The premier went on to say that he hopes that the short-term measures that will soon be introduced will make a significant and positive contribution to Slovakia's industry and its employers.

FORMER POLITICAL PRISONERS, POLITICIANS AND PUBLIC PAY TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS

Former political prisoners, politicians, ambassadors, soldiers and the public commemorated the memory of the victims of Czechoslovakia's occupation by Warsaw

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Selected stories are provided by TASR – the Slovak Republic's official News Agency.

News and Views from Slovakia...

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Pact troops at a memorial plaque in front of the Comenius University in Bratislava on August 21.

"We are at a place where three people died and today we'll also honor all the others who died as victims of the occupation," said Confederation of Political Prisoners (KPVS) chairman Peter Sandtner, welcoming the guests of the event which is organized annually by the institution.

"More political prisoners went to prisons, the very first of them for their active participation on August 21. A number of people were also jailed for protesting on the first anniversary of the occupation in 1969," said Sandtner, explaining why this date is so important for KPVS. "De facto, all of us were victims of the occupation, except for a bunch of collaborators," added MP for OLaNO and former political prisoner Jan Budaj.

The commemoration was also attended by Parliamentary Chair Andrej Danko (Slovak National Party/SNS), Parliamentary Vice-chair Bela Bugár (Most-Híd), Defence Minister Peter Gajdos (SNS), Education, Science, Research and Sports Minister Martina Lubyova (SNS), Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Gabriela Matecna (SNS), state secretaries, coalition and Opposition MPs, MEP Ivan Stefanec, Bratislava Region Governor Juraj Droba (Freedom and Solidarity/SaS), several ambassadors, representatives of embassies and high military officers. Victims of the occupation were also hon-



Photo by TASR

ored by Romanian Foreign Affairs Minister Teodor-Viorel Melescanu, who is paying a two-day visit to Slovakia.

In addition to politicians, ambassadors and soldiers, representatives of several movements and initiatives, including the 'For a Decent Slovakia' initiative, attended the event. "The courageous sacrifice of the innocent, who weren't scared off by the occupiers, is a challenge and motivation for us to continue in the struggle for a decent Slovakia," they said on this occasion.

FILM TLMOČNIK TO COMPETE IN 2019 OSCARS RACE

The Slovak Film and Television Academy (SFTA) has selected a road movie called *Tlmočník* (The Interpreter, 2018) as the national nominee for the category of best foreign language film at the 2019 Academy Awards in February.

Directed by Slovak director Martin Sulik, the movie follows the story of two elderly men who are on their journey throughout Slovakia, partly linked and partly divided by the common past. The road movie starring German actor Peter Simonischek, known especially for his German drama *Toni Erdmann* (Maren Ade, 2016), and legendary Czech director Jiri Menzel was premiered at the Berlinale film festival in February and is also set to compete in the European Film Awards, sometimes called the European Oscars.

Tlmočník was selected out of 12 Slovak movies, including the historical drama *Dubček* (directed by Laco Halama), the documentary *Meciar* (directed by Tereza Nvotova) as well as the thriller *Doverný nepriateľ* (Intimate Enemy, directed by Karel Janak).

TOURISM IN SLOVAKIA CONSTANTLY GROWING 4TH YEAR IN ROW

More than 2.5 million tourists spent at least one night in Slovakia in the first half of 2018, up by almost 4 percent compared to the same period last year, TASR learned from the Transport and Construction Ministry, which manages the tourism sector.

According to Transport Ministry spokesperson Karolina Ducka, Slovakia's tourism has been steadily growing over the past four years.

"The number of tourists has been growing and tourism is becoming an important part of our economy, which makes us very happy. It's important for us to continue this trend, improve our services and

offer the potential we have here to the tourists. So that visitors can have only the most beautiful experience of Slovakia and have reasons to come back again," said Transport Minister Arpad Ersek.

In the first six months of this year tourists spent in Slovakia about 6.9 million nights, an increase of 3.8 percent. The Zilina, Bratislava and Presov regions were among the most preferred.

Of the total number of tourists, Slovaks made up 61 percent (more than 1.5 million individuals) whereas foreign tourists made up the remaining 39 percent (around 1 million individuals). The number of Slovak tourists went up by almost 3 percent year-on-year, while the number of tourists from abroad increased by almost 5 percent y-o-y in the first half of 2018, stated Ducka.



History of the Trencin Castle goes back to the age of the Roman Empire, testified by the inscription telling about the victory of the II. Roman legion at Laugaricio (the Latin name of Trencin) in 179 AD. The oldest building is a stone rotunda, plausibly founded in the Great Moravian period. In the midst of the 13th century the castle was the seat of the Baron Jakab Cseszneky, who was King Béla IV's swordbearer. Later in the 13-14th century, the castle became the residence of Matthew III Csák, the legendary "Lord of the river Váh and the Tatra Mountains". He gave his name to the Matúš Tower, to keep dominating both the castle silhouette as well as that of the town. The water well is connected to the legend of the Turkish prince Omar and his great love for the beautiful Fatima, whom he had to redeem by digging a well in the rock.

Slovak Catholic Sokol – Semi-Annual Audit Report

Audit Conducted August 17-18, 2018

<p>1. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING EXPENSES \$ 12,706.27</p> <p>2. BUILDING RENTALS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. First floor office space is leased by the Slovak League of America. *\$800.00 Outstanding 6/30/18 \$ 1,600.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Tri County Plumbing rents supply storage space. \$ 10,150.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">C. Little Achievers Academic Child Care \$ 36,000.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">D. Parking leases on a month to month basis. \$ 2,850.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">E. Total Rental income January 1 to June 30, 2018 Total \$ <u>50,600.00</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">*One rental of \$2,900 was prepaid *Two rentals of \$710 were outstanding</p> <p>3. FRATERNAL CONGRESS EXPENSES \$ 8,518.32</p> <p>4. 33rd QUADRENNIAL CONVENTION ACCRUAL \$ 45,000.00 August 3-7, 2019 Cleveland, OH</p> <p>5. OTHER PRINTING \$ 335.00</p> <p>6. OUTSTANDING SLET BALANCES - As of June 30, 2018 \$ 93.10 *Group 11</p> <p>7. PHYSICAL FITNESS BOARD EXPENSES \$ 11,856.29 *Policies/Procedures regarding travel expenses need to be reviewed and implemented more stringently and consistently</p> <p>8. PUBLICATION EXPENSES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Slovak Catholic Falcon</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Printing \$ 9,750.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Postage \$ 7,322.66</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Miscellaneous Printing \$ 27.67</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total \$ <u>17,100.33</u></p> <p>9. REVIEW OF EXISTING MORTGAGES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. Outstanding Mortgage Balances: 3 mortgage payments are being received \$ 673,616.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. Interest income on mortgages \$ 21,021.75</p> <p>10. SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Scholarships \$ 0.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Expenses \$ 328.12</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total \$ <u>-328.12</u></p> <p>11. SPORTS AND ATHLETIC EXPENSES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. District Tournaments</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">None Held \$ 0.00</p>	<p>B. 72nd International Bowling Tournament May 21-22, 2018 Las Vegas, NV</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Home Office Allotment \$ 1,665.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Supreme Officers Expenses \$ 1,721.94</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total \$ <u>3,386.94</u></p> <p>C. 63rd International Golf Tournament \$ 0.00 August 10-12, 2018 West Middlesex, PA</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit</p> <p>D. International Clinic (Kurz) \$ 12,257.64 July 26-29, 2018 State University of New York at The College at Brockport</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Note: Final report figures will be reflected in Annual Audit</p> <p>E. Other Sports Expenses</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Walking Program \$ 1,781.20</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Insurance \$ 2,016.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total \$ <u>3,797.20</u></p> <p>Summary of Sports and Athletic Expenses</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">A. District Tournaments \$ 0.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">B. 72nd International Bowling Tournament \$ 3,386.94</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">C. 63rd International Golf Tournament \$ 0.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">D. International Clinic (Kurz) \$ 12,257.64</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">E. Other Sports Expenses \$ 3,797.20</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Total \$ <u>19,441.78</u></p> <p>12. OTHER ACCOUNTS REVIEWED</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Accountant Expenses \$ 20,258.89</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Actuarial Expense \$ 67,125.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Advertising / Promotional \$ 3,554.76</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Agency Expenses \$ 15,768.08</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Annuity Commissions \$ 49,901.94</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Annuity Surrenders/Withdrawal \$1,821,100.05</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bank Charges - Bond Department \$ 85,686.23</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Building Maintenance and Repairs \$ 1,886.38</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Death Benefit Claims Paid / Paid Up Additions \$ 725,025.93</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Donations and Contributions \$ 3,122.95</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Dues & Subscriptions \$ 2,055.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Group Assessments \$ 23,974.24</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Hospitalization/Employee Benefits \$ 44,758.17</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Interest Expense \$ 11,119.29</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Marketing Expenses \$ 3,517.27</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Miscellaneous Expenses \$ 1,703.60</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Miscellaneous Income \$ 72,403.80</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Office Expenses \$ 5,907.15</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Operating Expense-Sokol Building \$ 34,679.12</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Other Legal Expenses \$ 12,384.00</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pension Plans Office/Officers Payments \$ 178,933.32</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Pension Plans-Print Shop Payments \$ 3,273.64</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Postage Office \$ 7,343.43</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Property Taxes-Sokol Building \$ 41,164.04</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Rental Area Expenses \$ 5,018.54</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Reserve Annuity Supplemental Contracts \$2,263,690.27</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Salaries-Editorial \$ 18,148.45</p>
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Salaries-Office	\$ 213,676.50
Salaries-Supreme Officers	\$ 0.00
Sale of Cookbooks	\$ 201.50
SKS 2020 Committee	\$ 1,609.71
State Insurance Licenses & Fees	\$ 7,631.90
Supreme Auditors	\$ 3,423.56
Supreme Officers Employee Bonding	\$ 2,051.00
Supreme Officers Travel	\$ 5,605.85
Supreme Officers Uniform Allowance	\$ 0.00
Telephone-Editorial	\$ 549.63
Telephone-Office	\$ 2,553.72
Workman's Compensation	\$ 5,766.27

Highlights of the 13th Annual Mahoning Valley Slovak Fest on Aug. 12 at the grounds of St. Matthias Church of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Youngstown, Oh.

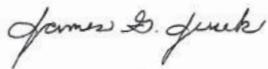
We, the Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol would like to thank the members for allowing us the honor and privilege to serve as your Auditors.

We, the Supreme Auditors, conducted our Audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and practices. In reviewing the accounts of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, we found the accounts to be in order and in agreement with the financial report of the Supreme Secretary.

We, the undersigned Supreme Auditors of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, gratefully acknowledge the kindness and cooperation of the following during the audit: Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Office Consultant, Peter Dobko, Bookkeeper, Melanie Sasiela, and the Home Office Staff of the Slovak Catholic Sokol.

We, your Supreme Auditors would like to assure the membership of the Slovak Catholic Sokol that we are active Slovak Catholic Sokols and participate in our Organization's activities on all levels in addition to our regular Supreme Auditor reporting responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,



James G. Jerek
Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors



Brian M. Suchy
Supreme Auditor



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Group 16 Assists at Centennial Festival in Sterling, Heights, Mich

Group 16 "Rev. Ferdus Juriga" of Detroit, Mich. and Rossford, Oh. actively participated in this summer's Centennial Year festival of SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish in Sterling Heights, Mich. which was held August 24-26 on the parish grounds. This year's 28th Slovak Festival billed as "A Century of Slovak Catholic Tradition in the Detroit Area - 1918-2018" is part of the year-long observance of the parish's 100th anniversary. Members of Detroit's Assembly 36 were among the founders of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in 1918 when it was located on Detroit's East Side. Group 16 was founded in the parish on August 25, 1926. Sokols and Sokolky have been active throughout the century-long history of the parish. In 1998, the Detroit parish plant was closed and the new parish was established in Sterling Heights, Mich. where a beautiful parish plant was completed during the pastorate of the late Rev. Elimir Mikus. This was the only example of a Slovak parish re-established in a new community. Today, the parish flourishes under the capable ministry of the present pastor, the Rev. Libor Marek. Mass is celebrated in Slovak every Sunday at 11:30 a.m. The photos below feature Andrea Ames Papcun, president of Group 16 reviewing the many prizes donated by the Sokols and Sokolky. All of the prizes, including many school supplies were wrapped and marked as donations from Group 16 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. Record crowds enjoyed this year's Slovak Festival celebrating our rich heritage and traditions. A wonderful time was had by all. Additional centennial year activities are scheduled for the coming months. For information on upcoming activities contact the centennial year chairman John Fournier at j4nier58@gmail.com.



First Catholic Slovak Union hosts 51st convention in Cleveland, Oh.



Our Sokol leaders are shown with the Most Rev. Roger W. Gries, O.S.B., retired Auxiliary Bishop of Cleveland following the convention Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland on August 5 which opened the 51st quadrennial convention of the Jednota. Shown with him are, I-r, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. Hvozdic who also serves as national president of the Slovak Catholic Federation; and Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.



Fraternal leaders shown at the 51st convention of the Jednota included, I-r, Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, Cynthia M. Maleski, national president of the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association and her husband, Andrejz Groch, Nina Holy, national secretary-treasurer of the Slovak League of America; Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Anna Korcak a delegate from New York City who also serves as the financial secretary of our Sokol, Assembly 182 and Maria Bozekova, a delegate from New York City. A total of 302 delegates participated in the convention held at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel.

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SOKOL CALENDAR



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of St. Andrew Svorad Benedictine Abbey of Cleveland at The American Croatian Lodge, 34900 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, Oh.

SEPTEMBER 28-29

■ 3rd Quarter Board of Directors Meeting at the Cleveland Airport Marriott in Cleveland, OH.

SUN. SEPT. 30

■ Annual meeting of Group 2, "Rev. Stephen Panik" at The Blue Goode Restaurant, Stratford, Conn. beginning at 1 p.m., deadline for luncheon reservations is September 19; for reservations call Eileen S. Wilson at 203 378-8837; Wreath 1 meeting will follow immediately.

■ Traditional pilgrimage hosted by the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Francis Xavier Cabrini of New York and area Slovak societies to the Monastery of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison, N.Y. beginning with Mass at 11 a.m.; bus from Manhattan, Call St. John's at tel. 212-734-4613.

THURS. OCT. 4

■ Assembly 59 meeting at the North End Slovak Citizens Club, 617 North Main St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. beginning at 7:30 p.m., for further information call Secretary Renee Pizzella at 570 954-6480.

MON. OCT. 1

■ Assembly 16 General Meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. at 7 p.m.

SAT. OCT. 6

■ Group 1 officers meeting at Slovak Catholic Sokol headquarters, Passaic, N.J. beginning at 12 noon.

MON. OCT. 8

■ Wreath 111 meeting and social "Happy Halloween" at the American Slovak Home, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6:30 p.m.

OCT. 10-11

■ 85th annual convention of the New Jersey-New York Fraternal Alliance at the Tropicana Casino & Resort, Atlantic City, N.J.

SAT. OCT. 20

■ Slovakfest 2018 hosted by The Slovak Garden, a Home for American Slovaks, Inc. in the small social hall, 3110 Howell Branch Rd. #100, Winter Park, Fla. beginning at 2 p.m. traditional Slovak culinary specialties, pastries, music for dancing and listening pleasure; \$20 per person, for reservations call tel. 407 677-6894, slovakgarden@cen-

terylink. net.

SUN. OCT. 21

■ Slovak Fall Festival - Dozinky hosted by the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini at St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, 406 East 67th St., New York, N.Y. beginning at 1 p.m., traditional Slovak culinary specialties, beer, wine, soda, entertainment and music by Express; \$40.00 per person; for information call 212 734-4613, email: parishoffice@eastrivercatholics.org.

OCT. 26-28

■ Celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of Czechoslovakia as a sovereign state at the Bohemian National Hall, 4939 Broadway Ave., Cleveland, Oh. for information call tel. 440 725-8676 or email SJS@sja-inc.com.

NOV. 2-3

■ 94th annual meeting of the New England Fraternal Alliance at the Luso-American Financial East Coast Office, 128 Union St., New Bedford, Mass.

SUN. NOV. 4

■ 28th annual Slovak Heritage Festival at the University of Pittsburgh, hosted by Slovak Studies Program and the Pitt Students Slovak Club, in the Commons Room of the Cathedral of Learning in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pa. 1 to 5 p.m., displays, lectures, entertainment and traditional Slovak cuisine; free admission and free parking.

Group 7 Upcoming Events

Group 7 "Rev. Josef Murgas" will hold their 83rd Annual "Sokol Day" Picnic on Saturday, September 29, 2018. This event will be held at the Plains Lions Pavilion on Clarke Lane in Plains, Pa. from noon to 6 p.m. The picnic will feature Slovak foods and other picnic favorites, homemade baked goods and games of chance for all ages. Sokol Day is open to the public, come out and celebrate the Slovak culture with Group 7. If any members would like to make basket donations or children's toys for our games of chance, please contact an officer.

Group 7 is also planning our 3rd Annual Reunion on Friday, November 23 at the North End Slovak Citizens Club from 7-10 p.m. and a Group 7 bus trip to NYC on Saturday, December 1.

– Amy Degnan Blasco, *President*

UNITED SLOVAK SOCIETIES IN LORAIN, OH ANNOUNCES EVENTS

The United Slovak Societies of Lorain, Oh. is pleased to announce its upcoming fall and winter social activities to be held at the American Slovak Club. The United Slovak Societies includes our Sokol, Wreath 111.

On Sunday, September 30, the traditional **SLOVAK DAY CHICKEN PAPIRIKAS DINNER** will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Advance ticket sales at \$14.00. The event is open to the public.

The children's **HALLOWEEN COSTUME BOWLING PARTY**, for ages 16 and younger, is scheduled for Sunday, October 21 beginning at 1 p.m. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. Reservations are needed.

The traditional **SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER "VILIJA"** is set for Sunday, December 2 beginning at 5:30 p.m. All the foods enjoyed at the Christmas Eve dinner will be featured along with a musical program. Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Advance ticket sales only.

On Monday, December 31, the traditional **SILVESTER STEAK FRY** is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and advanced ticket sales only.

All of the above events are held at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue in Lorain, Oh. Ticket sales and reservations close 10 days prior to the event. All tickets and reservations may be made by calling Pam at tel. 440 245-5146. Bowling at the club will begin in late September. For details call Rusty for more information at tel. 440 244-1293. The United Slovak Societies, founded in the 1930s, include the local lodges of all our Slovak fraternal societies. We hope to see many Sokols and Sokolky at our upcoming events. Zdar Boh! – **Michele Mager**, *Secretary*, United Slovak Societies

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For more information contact

Katie Swift at
katie70@aol.com





KIDS' CORNER- "Detský kútik "

September, 2018

Name: _____

Back-to-School Crossword Puzzle

Across

- tool for writing
- tools for coloring
- device for connecting to the Internet
- used to stick papers together
- another word for quiz
- person who plans lessons and helps you learn
- book with blank pages for writing

Down

- subject in which you learn about songs and instruments
- person in charge of a school
- yellow vehicle that brings kids to school
- measuring tool
- people you like being around
- look at words and understand them
- afternoon meal
- what you do with your brain
- place where students learn
- subject in which you learn about numbers
- place where books are kept
- pink item that helps remove mistakes

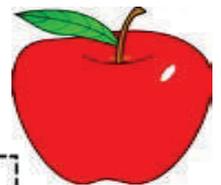
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National Apple Month

September 26th
 Johnny Appleseed's Birthday



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

Kyle Peterson 9/4
 Ben Underation 9/4
 Connor Seifert 9/20
 Annika Romine 9/26
 Nathan Radtke 9/26
 Lyla Mae Freeman 9/30

National Good Neighbor Day
 September 28th

- Help your neighbors in some way.
- Offer a smile and friendly hello to your neighbor
- Have your neighbor over for a meal
- Hold a block party

Get to know your neighbor a little better

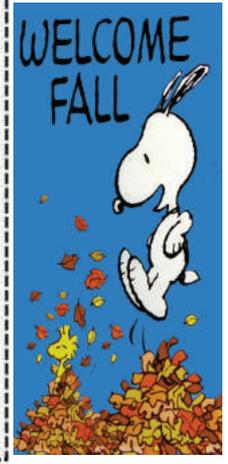
September

September is the month
 When summer turns to fall.

Vacation time is over,
 It's back to school for all.

So even though I'm sad,
 How fast the summer ends,

I'm really glad I have the chance
 To meet and make new friends.





Obituaries...

Well-known Honorary Supreme Officer

Frank E. Macey life-long Sokol activist passed away at age 85 in Reading, Pa.

Frank E. Macey passed away peacefully at his residence in Shillington, Pa. during the evening hours of August 6. He was 85.



He was a life-long member of our organization and served a total of 24 years as a member of the Supreme Assembly. His warm smile and upbeat attitude won him friends and admirers throughout his life.

A native of Reading, Pa., he was born there September 22, 1932, son of the late Imrich and Helen Vanek Macey. He was a 1950 graduate of Reading Central Catholic High School and a 1953 graduate of the Wyomissing Polytechnical Institute. He started his career at the textile Machine Works and later at Western Electric as a toolmaker from 1954 to 1966. He retired from Continental Can and Sonoco Fiber Drum Co. as plant supervisor after 23 years of employment in 1989.

A lifelong, active member of SS. Cyril and Methodius Slovak Parish in Reading, he served as a lector there for the past 40 years. He was very proud of his Slovak heritage and was active in the area's Slovak community all his life. He was enrolled as a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol at birth by his father, Emerick who was a founder of Assembly 261 in Reading. He competed at his first national Slet in Philadelphia in 1941 at the age of nine. This began his love, interest and commitment to the Slovak Catholic Sokol and became his way of life. As a youth, he served as the Sports Director of Group 12 during which time the Group captured the Championship Flag at six consecutive Slets from 1969 to 1979. He helped revive the bowling, basketball and volleyball competitions of the Eastern District and helped organize the Reading Sokol Youth Club. Over the years, he served in various leadership capacities in our former Jr. Assembly 333 as well as in Assembly 261, including that of president and was active in Group 12. He also served as president of the Slovak Catholic Sokol Home Associa-

tion. He was a driving force in the building of the new Reading Sokol Club in 2011.

Brother Macey had been a delegate to our quadrennial conventions since 1959 when it was held in Reading. The 20th national convention in 1963 in Youngstown, Oh. first elected him as a member of the Supreme Physical Fitness Board. He was re-elected to this position at the 21st and 22nd conventions. In 1979, he was elected as Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics and a member of the Board of Directors. He was subsequently reelected to this position in 1983 and 1987. The 26th quadrennial convention elected him an Honorary Supreme Officer in 1991. In 2004, Brother Macey was named Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year. He also was a life member of the Slovak Catholic Federation and enjoyed membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council#793, the Polish Falcons of America

and the Slovak League of America as well as local civic and outreach organizations.

Brother Frank was predeceased by his wife of 32 years, the former Stella I. Dybalski who passed away on September 10, 2015. He is survived by his loving daughter, Susan L. Macey, Esq. and her husband, Matthew G. Parsell of Denver, Co. Also surviving are a granddaughter, Macey L. Henderson, Ph.D. of Baltimore, Md. as well as several nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a sister Helen B. Reinig.

Family, friends and fellow fraternalists paid their respects to Brother Frank at the Kopicki-Bradley Funeral Home in Reading. Heading the group of Sokol mourners at the funeral rites were Supreme Secretary Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C., Supreme President Michael J. Horvath and Honorary Supreme Officer Steven M. Pogorelec, F.I.C. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on August 10 at The Chapel of Resurrection at Gethsemane Cemetery with interment following.

May our Brother Frank, who reflected the highest traditions of Sokol fraternalism and service, now rest in peace. He beautifully mirrored our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith and will be sorely missed.

In Memoriam



Slovak Catholic Sokol extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved families of deceased members

JULY 2018

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 10	Frederick Stone, Farrell, PA	80	March 28, 2018
Assembly 11	Emil T. Pilior, Chicago, IL	90	August 18, 2018
Assembly 11	Mike Domitrovich, Jr., Chicago, IL	92	May 28, 2018
Assembly 25	Grover C. Ferguson, Perryopolis, PA	79	July 4, 2018
Assembly 25	Paul J. Kostolansky, Perryopolis, PA	97	June 25, 2018
Assembly 36	Margaret Heyza, Detroit, MI	95	June 21, 2018
Assembly 36	Irene S. Sadek, Detroit, MI	96	May 27, 2018
Assembly 59	Andrew J. Hvozdovic, Wilkes-Barre, PA	84	July 11, 2018
Assembly 72	Phyllis S. Roman, Catasauqua, PA	80	June 26, 2018
Assembly 78	Frances Marie Melhem, Bethlehem, PA	79	July 1, 2018
Assembly 86	Raymond Yacobowski, Port Griffith, PA	79	June 29, 2018
Assembly 162	Anna Klimek, Clifton, NJ	92	July 22, 2018
Assembly 179	Michael Haraburda, North Braddock, PA	87	June 27, 2018
Assembly 255	Mary A. Janitz, Egypt, PA	96	June 15, 2018
Wreath 14	Lawrence Palya, Johnstown, PA	74	June 6, 2018
Wreath 18	Katherine Mc Laughlin, East Douglas, MA	95	July 1, 2018
Wreath 22	Jacqueline Ossman, Pittsburgh, PA	76	July 3, 2018
Wreath 39	Gregory J. Farrell, Bridgeport, CT	66	July 13, 2018
Wreath 85	Doris M. Hovanec, Mc Kees Rocks, PA	86	July 21, 2018
Wreath 93	Chong Por Chang, Milwaukee, WI	70	July 11, 2018
Wreath 153	Joseph V. Gebura, Parma, OH	90	June 22, 2018

Nicholas J. Babiak, outstanding Catholic activist, laid to rest in Arlington, Va.

Colonel Nicholas John Babiak(USAF, Retired) passed away peacefully on August 16 in Arlington, Va. He was 70.

A native of Suffern, N.Y., he was born there Dec. 16, 1947 to Theodore and Julia(Blasko) Babiak. He grew up in Spring Valley, N.Y. He



was a 1972 graduate of the University of Buffalo, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering. He was awarded a Master of Arts in Business Management from Central Michigan University and a Doctor of Business Administration from Chelsea

University in London. He served 20 years in the Air Force, retiring in 1992 as a Colonel and serving in several critical Science & Technology roles during his distinguished career. While in the Air Force, he served in key positions of increasing responsibility, culminating in his final military assignment as the Deputy Director, Systems Center, Defense Mapping Agency, where he was responsible for the multi-billion dollar research, development, rest and evaluation systems acquisition and logistics support of the Agency. He married the former Joyce K. Stouffer in 1987.

An active Catholic layman throughout his life, Dr. Babiak was a firm believer in the role of his faith so beautifully mirrored throughout his life's mission. In 2007, he was invested in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem at New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral and later elevated to the rank of Knight Commander with Star. He has been active in a number of Catholic philanthropic foundations and societies, including the Franciscan Foun-

ation for the Holy Land. In October 2017, he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice cross(for the Church and the Pontiff) from Pope Francis for outstanding service to the universal Church. He was presented with the papal award by Archbishop Christophe Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio in the United States at a reception at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, D.C. He was active in his local parish, St. Ann's Church in Arlington, Va., serving in multiple capacities including chairman of the building and grounds committee and the security committee among many other positions. His stellar life of community service were in the best traditions of the fraternal benefit system. Dr. Babiak was a long-time member of Slovak Catholic Sokol Assembly 219.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Babiak was preceded in death by a brother Stephen in 2011.

A concelebrated Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Church of St. Ann in Arlington, Va. on August 18. Principal celebrant of the liturgy the Most Rev. Paul S. Loverde, retired Bishop of Arlington. Bishop Loverde read a letter from the current Bishop of Arlington, the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge in which the many efforts on behalf of the Church rendered by Dr. Babiak were noted. Principal concelebrants of the funeral Mass were Dr. Babiak's cousins, the Rev. Richard D. Baker, pastor of the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini in New York City and the Rev. Donald Baker, pastor of the Parish of St. Monica also of New York City. Interment followed in Arlington National Cemetery.

May our Brother Nicholas, who so beautifully mirrored our fraternal way of life of service, now rest in peace. He was a credit to our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith. Vecnaja pamjat and Zdar Boh!

Andrew J. Charnogursky of Oak Ridge, N.J. was 80

Andrew J. Charnogursky passed away peacefully on July 17 at his home in Oak Ridge, N.J. He was 80.

He had been receiving the loving care of his wife, his sister and the staff of Newton Hospice. Andrew Had fought valiantly against Multiple Myeloma for the past 12 years, never complaining. Even as a young boy, he was known to never complain and was always accepting as to whatever life handed him.

Andrew was the youngest son of Elizabeth and Jacob Charnogursky of Montville, N.J. His father was a past president and founder of our former Sokol Assembly 5 in Franklin, N.J.

Andrew was a talented cabinet maker and

carpenter and loved to work. He was always quiet and reserved but was loved by all who knew him for his quick wit and one-liners. He will be sorely missed by his loving wife, Gigi and his two step-children, Nicole Gerami and husband Shehab of Cleveland, Oh., John H. Finkeldie and wife Valerie of Sparta, N.J., his brother Joseph and wife Marleine of Boonton Township, N.J., and sister Helen Grawehr of Montville. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Bijan, Armand and Ava Gerami and Olivia and John Henry Finkeldie as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. The Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at the Church of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Boonton,N.J. where the family has its faith roots.

An Appeal to Music Directors and Organists

Musicians who are or were part of the music ministry in Slovak ethnic parishes and religious communities, your assistance is requested. The Evangelization and Spirituality Committee of the Slovak Catholic Federation(SCF) is seeking translations of Slovak hymns that were used in your parishes or chapels. Perhaps local translations were provided by music directors, organists, clergy, parishioners or community members.

The SCF hopes to compile, review, compare and edit some of our beautiful hymns. The goal is to prepare these hymns to be sent to national liturgical music publishers in the hope that our entire nation may prayerfully benefit from these beautiful texts and melodies. All categories of hymns(general, seasonal, sanctoral and occasional) are in consideration.

In addition to these hymns, there is a request to individuals in the Slovak American community who are well-versed in the Slovak and English languages and who have a lyrical and poetic sense and who would be willing to provide their expertise to help refine these translations, to please make contact with the SCF.

Anyone seeing this article is kindly asked to share it with all those people who have had a role in Slovak hymn translation. Please refer information, questions and contacts to michael@cbhs.edu and thank you for your enthusiastic response.

YOUR BENEFICIARIES



When was the last time you looked at your designated beneficiaries on your valuable Sokol insurance policy? How important is it? Just think about how much your life has changed. Have you married, divorced, had children, maybe you lost a loved one? This is an item you should consider annually. If you do need to make changes to any of your policies, contact the Home Office at 800-886-7656.

50. výročie okupácie Československa vojskami Varšavskej zmluvy

V dňoch 20. a 21. augusta si každoročne pripomíname okupáciu Československa z augusta 1968.

Rok 1968 sa zapísal do dejín komunistického Československa pokusom o nastolenie socializmu s ľudskou tvárou, čo v praxi znamenalo snahu o demokratizáciu komunistického systému.

Okupácia začala v noci z 20. na 21. augusta 1968. Okrem vojakov Sovietskeho zväzu sa jej zúčastnili aj jednotky Maďarska, Bulharska, Poľska a NDR. Celková sila invázných vojsk bola 27 divízií, čo predstavovalo vyše 500 000 vojakov a asi 6 300 tankov, 2 000 diel a 800 lietadiel.

Soviety si ešte pred inváziou zabezpečili tzv. pozývací list podpísaný niektorými dogmatickými československými komunistami, v ktorom títo žiadali „bratské socialistické štáty“ o pomoc proti „kontrarevolúcii“ a za udržanie socializmu v Československu. Vedenie KSC vďaka svojmu stanovisku odvysielanom v rozhlase počas prvých hodín invázie demaskovalo túto akciu ako vojenskú okupáciu a porušenie medzinárodného práva.

Hoci možnosť ozbrojeného odporu komunistické vedenie odmietlo, na mnohých miestach sa spontánne postavili neozbrojení ľudia do cesty sovietskym tankom. Snažili sa ich zastaviť alebo aspoň spomaliť ich postup strhávaním orientačných tabúľ či názvov ulíc. Na takéto akcie odpovedali vojaci okupačných armád na niekolkých miestach strelbou do davu protestujúcich, ktorej výsledkom boli obeť na ľudských životoch.

Vedúci československí predstavitelia

Dubček, Smrkovský, Černík a ďalší boli zatknutí a internovaní. Verejnosť v priebehu prvého týždňa vyjadrovala silný odpor k takémuto konaniu tzv. spriateľených krajín. Uskutočnili sa protesty, ktoré viedli na viacerých miestach k pouličným bojom avšak čs. armáda na rozkaz ministra Džúra a potom aj prezidenta republiky Svobodu do bojov nezasiahla.

Podpísanie Moskovského protokolu 26. augusta 1968 legalizovalo pobyt vojsk, čo následne znamenalo potlačenie československého pokusu o socializmus s ľudskou tvárou, obrodného procesu známeho ako Pražská jar. Invázne jednotky Sovietskej armády zostali v krajine až do roku 1991. Išlo o vojenskú okupáciu v tej dobe suverénnej krajiny jej spojencami, napriek nesúhlasu jej zákonne zvolených predstaviteľov a žiadostiam o pomoc iných krajín, dokonca aj na pôde Bezpečnostnej rady OSN.

Podľa najnovších výskumov zahynulo v dôsledku okupácie v Československu najmenej 108 ľudí, z toho 37 na Slovensku, ďalšie stovky boli ťažko ranených. Viacerí zomreli po autonehodách spôsobených vojenskou technikou, takmer 20 ľudí zabili guľky. Najmladšou obeťou bolo 15-ročné dievča. Okupácia zastavila proces demokratizácie a pomaly odštartovala normalizáciu, ktorá zrušila všetky výdobytky socializmu s ľudskou tvárou. Toto obdobie je spojené s osudmi tisícov stotočných Čechov a Slovákov, ktorí kvôli svojmu slobodnému názoru prišli o zamestnanie, ich deti sa nedostali na vysokú školu, sledovala ich komunistická ŠtB, viacerí skončili za mrežami alebo ušli na Západ.



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Na svetovej konferencii píšťal v USA sa predstavilo aj Slovensko

V meste Eau Claire vo Wisconsin sa v auguste konal medzinárodný zjazd hráčov na flautu a podobné hudobné nástroje. Po prvý raz v histórii malo na ňom zastúpenie aj Slovensko



zásluhou Boba Rychlíka z Moravy, ktorý žije v USA. Vďaka nemu v hlavný deň festivalu zazneli tóny slovenskej fujary. Návštevníci ho po koncerte odmenili veľkým potleskom a prejavili záujem o tento jedinečný hudobný nástroj.

Bob Rychlík už sedem rokov učí hrať na fujaru aj Američanov a tóny fujary vďaka nemu zaznievajú na festivaloch po celej krajine. Na medzinárodný zjazd hráčov na flautu ho pozvala riaditeľka Svetovej spoločnosti flaut (World Flute Society) Kathleen Joyce Grendahl.

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FESTIVAL SLOVENSKEHO DEDIČTVA V NEW JERSEY

41. Festival slovenského dedičtva bude v nedeľu 23. septembra v Middlesex County Fair Grounds located 655 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick, N.J. Katolícka omša začne o 10.30 hodine a evanjelická omša začne o 11.30 hodine

O 2.00 hodine začne kultúrny program, v ktorom sa predstavia detské folklórne súbory Pramienok zo Slovenskej školy v Trentonu, NJ, Limboráčik zo Slovenskej školy v New Yorku a folklórny súbor Limbora z New Yorku. O 3.00 hodine začne vystúpenie hostí zo Slovenska: speváčka Veronika Rabada, Igor Kucer a Basta Fidli Band. Vstupné je \$10.00, deti do 15 rokov majú vstup bezplatný. Parkovanie je bezplatné.

DOŽINKOVÁ ZÁBAVA V NEW YORKU

V nedeľu 21. októbra bude v spoločenskej hale Kostola sv. Jána Nepomuckého, 66th a First Avenue, Manhattan, NY dožinková zábava. Slovenská svätá omša bude o 10.15 hodine. Zábava začne hneď po omši. Podávané budú tradičné slovenské jedlá a hrať bude skupina Express.

Vstupné je \$40.00 za dospelých a 10.00 za deti od 12 rokov. V cene je započítané predjedlo, polievka, hlavné jedlo, dezert, pivo, víno a nealkoholické nápoje. Bližšie informácie a rezervácie vstupeniek sú k dispozícii na fare, tel. číslo: 212-734-4613.

KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



Slovensko poslalo do mesta Mósul v Iraku humanitárnu pomoc vo výške viac ako 212-tisíc eur. V oblasti trpia núdzou a nedostupnosťou zdravotníckej starostlivosti takmer dva milióny ľudí. Slovensko poslalo do zdevastovanej oblasti zdravotnícke prístroje pre anesteziológov a servoventilátory slovenského výrobcu, spacie vaky, uteráky, prikrývky a posteľe.

Investícia automobilky Jaguar Land Rover zdvihla ceny nehnuteľností v Nitre a okolí o desiatky percent. Podľa pracovníkov realitných kancelárií sa však už začiatkom tohto roka začala situácia upokojsť a hodnota realít sa blíži k cenovému stropu. V rokoch 2016 a 2017 bol nárast cien výrazný a dosiahol úroveň približne 20 až 30 percent. Zdraželi najmä malé byty - garsónky a jednoizbové byty. Kým pred príchodom Jaguara sa garsónka predávala v Nitre za približne 29.000 eur, v čase najväčšieho boomu to bolo aj 54.000 eur. Ten nárast bol enormný. Jednoizbové byty stúpili z 35.000 eur a priblížili sa k sume 70.000 eur. Na tejto hranici sa však už prestali predávať, takže cenový strop dosiahli na úrovni okolo 65.000 eur.

Slovenská republika prevzala od 1. septembra zodpovednosť za Sektor 4 v rámci medzinárodnej misie UNFICYP na Cypre. Ozbrojené sily Slovenskej republiky pôsobia v mierovej misii UNFICYP na Cypre od roku 2001 na základe uznesenia Národnej rady SR, pričom v tom istom roku prevzali velenie v Sektore 4. Okrem 88 príslušníkov Ozbrojených síl SR pôsobilo v sektore aj 54 maďarských, 43 srbských a dvaja ukrajinskí vojaci. V súlade s Rezolúciou Bezpečnostnej rady OSN v zmysle jednoliatosti (one Troop Contributing Country) z tohto roku sa Slovenská republika stáva jediným pôsobiacim štátom v sektore. Celkový počet príslušníkov OS SR v rámci misie UNFICYP tak postupne stúpne zo 141 na 243.



Britský server The Guardian zaradil Košice do rebríčka najlepších európskych miest vhodných na výlet. Uviedol, žeaujímavá je spievajúca fontána, katedrála sv. Alžbety, Urbanova veža a stredoveká Miklušova väznica. Milovníci kultúry môžu navštíviť aj galériu Mihal v hoteli Múza, ktorý má malú zbierku originálov Andyho Warhola.



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