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*For God and Nation*

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THERE IS ALWAYS  
SOMETHING  
TO BE  
*thankful* FOR.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



## Message from our Supreme President

Michael J. Horvath

Each year begins anew with hopes and wishes, then over the next ten months of work and activities we experienced many blessings and rewards which we are thankful for. The good things that happened are then tempered with the not so good events. With all of what has happened in our lives over the past ten months the eleventh month, November, the thankful month, is time for all of us to give thanks.



It all starts with All Saints Day, where we honor all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of God, remembering the lives and deaths of the saints known and unknown. Then All Souls Day to remember our family and friends who died during the past year and pray for those who have died who still need our prayers. These two days allow us to give thanks for our faith and remembering our loved ones and friends.

Remembering and thanking the men and women of our armed forces is celebrated on Veterans Day. These men and women gave of themselves and serve for one reason, to provide us with security and to protect us from harm. Let us never forget those that have served and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. We all should find a way to do something for those who have served so they know they were and are appreciated.

The most important day in November that we set aside to give thanks is Thanks-

giving Day. As we all know Thanksgiving Day brings together families and friends to share the day together, to celebrate all the good things that happened to them in the year and to be together to support each other for those sad and lesser events of the year. I extend best wishes to everyone for a blessed and thankful Thanksgiving. And, remember those that go without, by donating to your local food banks.

On November 9, 2018 our Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec and I helped celebrate a day of thanks with family and friends of our 2018 Fraternalist of the Year, Ms. Edith M. Babik of Wreath 54 in Youngstown, Ohio. Sister Babik is an exceptional Sokol member who has served the organization for more than a half century. Every member of our Society should be proud of her and try to emulate her Sokol dedication. Sister Babik, thank you again, for all you have done for us.

There are many more days in November we can give thanks or be thankful for. So, as we travel through the rest of November try to find each day a way to give thanks to someone. It will be rewarding and help make us into a new person.

Giving thanks is also way to give protection to a loved one or a friend. Reward them by introducing them to our great Society. Buy a family member a policy or help a friend fill out an application so they all can enjoy the benefits of being a member of the Slovak Catholic Sokol. They will be thankful for your thoughtfulness.

With God's Blessings to All!  
Zdar Boh!

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## SOKOL CALENDAR



### FRI.NOV.23

■ Group 7 3rd Annual Reunion at the North End Slovak Citizens Club, 635 N Main St. Wilkes-Barre, Pa. from 7-10 p.m.

### SUN.DEC. 2

■ Children's Christmas / Bowling Party for all junior Sokol members of Group 17 hosted by Wreath 54 and Assemblies 107 and 108 at the Camelot Bowling Lanes, 628 Boardman-Canfield Road in Boardman, Oh., from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. to register call or text Judy Babik at 330-360-5690 by November 25.

■ Traditional SLOVAK CHRISTMAS EVE

DINNER "VILJA" at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$22.00 per person. Advance ticket sales only. Reservations: Pam, tel. 440 245-5146.

■ Semi-annual meeting of Assembly 163 and children's Christmas party at Dorothy's Place, Donora, Pa. beginning at 1 p.m.

■ Traditional St. Nicholas Day party - Mikulasova zabava at St. John Nepomucene Parish, corner 66th Street and First Avenue, New York, N.Y., Slovak Mass at 10:15 a.m.

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*From the desk of the Supreme Secretary***GIVING THANKS**by **Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.**

*Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.*



-The Catholic Prayer Book

As the season of fall is in full swing, I cannot believe that the year 2018 is nearing its end. The month of November is a perfect time for us to reflect on the past year and give thanks for what we have. Fortunately for us, this month has a couple days to do just that.

This past Sunday gave us the opportunity to reflect on those who have served and who are currently serving to defend and protect our American way of life. In 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated in many countries as Armistice Day the following year, November 11th became a federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In 1954, the name was changed to "Veterans Day" in honor of all soldiers who served. These fine men and women make considerable sacrifices during their service and display great courage and valor. As a Fraternal with strong values, it is important for us to recognize these individuals who make considerable sacrifices. We should take this time to acknowledge these brave men and women who put their lives on the line to protect our freedom. During this time of the year, I like to put out a little list of things that we can do as Slovak Catholic Sokol members to show our gratitude to these amazing men and women:

1. **Express thanks:** If you see someone in uniform or someone you know has served, simply say "thank you."
2. **Send a care package:** Send a package of gratitude to a soldier. There are many organizations to assist with this, such as Operation Gratitude.
3. **Teach:** It starts with our children. Let your children know how thankful they should be for our brave men and women in our military.
4. **Volunteer:** Something near and dear to our hearts as a Fraternal. Volunteer at a local VFW or Veteran's Hospital.
5. **Donate:** Donate financially to the USO or another organization that helps our Veterans.

These are just a few ways you can show your support and gratitude to our wonderful men and women who serve this great country!

On Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, I had the pleasure, along with our Supreme President Michael J. Horvath, to present the 2018 Slovak Catholic Sokol Fraternalist of the Year plaque and honorarium to Edith M. Babik at a dinner hosted in her honor in Youngstown, OH. Edie is an example of an individual who has promoted our organization and its activities for many years. I would like to thank Edie for her commitment to our society and congratulate her on this well-deserved honor. She is the true meaning of a Fraternalist!

Finally, on behalf of my beautiful wife, Maggie, my son, Reid, and my entire Family, I wish all of our members a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. I urge you to value the special time you have with your families and do not take it for granted. God Bless everyone and Zdar Boh!

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program and festivities to follow in the parish social hall.

**DECEMBER 2-3**

■ Quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors at the Embassy Suites Historic Hotel, Charleston, S.C.

**MON.DEC. 3**

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

■ Wreath 22 meeting at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. beginning at 7 p.m.

**SAT. DEC.8**

■ Annual Children's Christmas party hosted by Wreath 22 and Assembly 16 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club, 2912 East Carson St., South Side, Pittsburgh, Pa., doors open at 12 noon, festivities begin at 1 p.m.

**MON.DEC.10**

■ Wreath 111 meeting and annual Christmas dinner at the American Slovak Home, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. beginning at 6 p.m.

**SUN.DEC.15**

■ Christmas Dinner Dance hosted by SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in the social hall, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J.

**SUN.DEC.16**

■ Traditional Vilija - Christmas Eve supper at St. John Nepomucene Parish, corner 66th Street and First Avenue, New York, N.J., Slovak Mass at 10:15 a.m., English

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**HOLIDAY HOME OFFICE CLOSINGS**

In observance of Thanksgiving, the Home Office will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23. The Home Office will reopen for business on Monday, November 26. Regular business hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. A blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving to all. Zdar Boh!

**OUR NEXT ISSUE IS DECEMBER 19**

In keeping with our monthly publishing schedule of the Slovak Catholic Falcon, the next issue will be that of Wednesday, December 19. Deadline for all photos and information for this issue will be Monday, December 10.

## \$63,000 in S.C.S. Scholarship Grants Available to Eligible Members in 2018

by Edward D. Moeller, *Supreme Vice President*

We are pleased to announce that the Slovak Catholic Sokol will make available a total of \$63,000 in **scholarship grants** to eligible members in 2019. Previous recipients of Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grants may reapply for a 2019 grant; however, per Convention mandate - a student may receive a maximum of two (2) Slovak Catholic Sokol scholarship grant awards in each category.



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

**With one application you may apply for all college scholarship grants for which you are eligible. Note that only one grant per applicant will be awarded.**

### College scholarship eligibility requirements:

#### **SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL (a total of 30, \$1,000 grants will be awarded)**

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

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry
- Must be majoring in medical curriculum

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Both parents must be members

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

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in Nursing or Medical curriculum
- One parent must be of Slovak Ancestry

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in curriculum with a focus in computer graphics, design or layout

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

- Same requirements as for SCS scholarship AND
- Majoring in Liberal Arts Curriculum

#### **Slovak Catholic Sokol Memorial Scholarship (3 grants in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded to the applicant that best exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism)**

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

The process of applying for any of the above college level scholarships is completely on-line. Applications and instructions are **ONLY** available on our website @ [www.slovakcatholicssokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicssokol.org)

Questions regarding the Slovak Catholic Sokol Scholarship Program may be directed to:

Edward D. Moeller  
Supreme Vice-President  
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee  
[vp@slovakcatholicssokol.org](mailto:vp@slovakcatholicssokol.org)  
(412)881-3506

### **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS IS MARCH 31, 2019**

In addition to our college grant program, we make available 18 Catholic High School Grants in the amount of \$500 each as well as 36 Catholic Grade School Grants in the amount of \$250 each. Please find these scholarship applications and directives in each of the next issues of the Falcon.

## Slovak Catholic Sokol College Scholarship – Tips for Success

I just wanted to take a moment to highlight the recent changes made to the Slovak Catholic College Scholarship Program. We will continue to use a completely on-line process as we have had few issues with the process over the past several seasons. With the help of our technical webmaster, we have redesigned the application process and you should find it to be much more user friendly. You will find the on-line application on our website at [www.slovak-catholicssokol.org](http://www.slovak-catholicssokol.org) beginning November 1, 2018.

To be best prepared for this process a successful applicant should:

- Review the application on-line for required content and gather prior to beginning to complete the form
- Be prepared to attach both your essay (in PDF or Word format) and a color head and shoulders picture of yourself (in .jpeg format).

Please note, you may want to print a copy for your records prior to submitting. All applicants will receive automatic confirmation that their e-mail has been received.

It really isn't that difficult to qualify for one of our many college scholarships. With now four years of the new College Scholarship Application process behind us, it is clear that there are a few ways to assure that your application will be reviewed.

### 1. ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THE APPLICATION.

For example- if something does not apply to you- say N/A. If you are fully independent from your parents- as in, you are not claimed by them on their tax return, you should indicate that in the space asking for total parent income. Leaving this blank does not tell the whole story.

### 2. INCLUDE ALL REQUIREMENTS

**FOR THE APPLICATION-** i.e. photo; transcript; essay Start the process for requesting your transcript NOW. I have found that sometimes this is the hold up for some applicants.

- **Transcripts-** please note that "official transcript" means that you have requested it from your University or College and that it has been sent directly to me in a sealed envelope. We have not been as strict in the past on this issue, but began holding each applicant to this requirement last season and will continue to do so moving forward.

### 3. SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED ELEMENTS PRIOR TO THE DEADLINE.

The application is clear and I just want to prevent a waste of your time and energy.

Failure to include/complete any of the above items will result in the application being disqualified. To be honest, it is not easy for our committee when we need to disqualify applicants for simple yet important missing requirements.

Lastly, apply for all college scholarships for which you qualify in order to give yourself the best chance at receiving something. There were several applicants who limited themselves to a particular scholarship. Competition was fierce for the larger \$ scholarships, but there seems to be more opportunity with the other scholarship offerings.

Not every applicant receives a scholarship every time they apply. If you have not received one in the past, I encourage you to apply again this year. Before submitting your application- take some time to review the bullet points above in order to assure that your application will be included for consideration.

Good luck and Zdar Boh!

**Edward D. Moeller**, *Supreme Vice President  
Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee*

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

## THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

Myogen Steven Stucky, central abbot of the San Francisco Zen Center, died on December 31, 2013 from pancreatic cancer. Openly sharing his process of living with terminal illness, Abbot Steve lived with spiritual ferocity, simplicity and an abiding sense of gratitude. His Thanksgiving Day Reflection honored that day for the opportunity to "be generous with each other and recall the many gifts we receive simply by being alive here in this place and time." His personal gratitude practice from his message that day is for all days.



The "practice of gratitude" might simply begin with saying the word "gratitude" and allowing whatever arises in thought to be regarded as lovable no matter who or what it may be. This immediately cuts off the mind of personal preference and acknowledges that everything, absolutely everything is fully participating in the fact of my existence this moment.

The challenge of this practice often slaps us in the face and sets off a series of seemingly impossible barriers. These days, as you may know, I wake up and say "gratitude" and the next thought is "pain in the belly" or "cancer" or it's "not fair!" To accept such thoughts with gratitude may be impossible and even contribute to further unwholesome states of mind. So, it is realistically healthier to enter this practice by creating a field of positive energy by first naming what you know from experience is nourishing for you. For example: "Gratitude"... "for my friend Larry" or "Gratitude" for my mentor, my lover, my mother, the person who changed my life, or "Gratitude" for sobriety, my family, this food, the sunlight, mashed potatoes and gravy, the capacity for healing, etc.

It quickly becomes clear that one can create an infinite list of positive nourishments and the mere fact of being alive tells one that positive—that is, "life supporting"—factors outweigh all others.

This is a basis for fundamental confidence in reality. Knowing that this life is rare and wonderful because it is happening right now with the full support of the universe. Wow.

Once the above truth is clear, it is not so difficult to be kind. One naturally wants to give back to that from which one has received so much. And since one has received, and is now receiving, so much from the mere existence of each other, it's a perfect time to say "Thank You" (I love you). I invite you to take up this practice today as a positive nourishment practice for yourself. As you do so, I feel even more gratitude and delight.



## MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING HELD AT THE CLEVELAND AIRPORT MARRIOTT IN CLEVELAND, OH

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018 – 9:00 A.M.**

Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, **Called to Order** the Quarterly Meeting of the Supreme Board of Directors at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, September 28, 2018 and greeted all the members of the Board.

Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, V.F. offered the **Opening Prayer** leading the Directors in the reading of the Prayer to Practice the Golden Rule.

Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins led the Board members in reciting the **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**.

Supreme Secretary, Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C. was asked to take the **Roll Call** and the following members responded:

Supreme Chaplain ..... Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC  
 Supreme President ..... Michael J. Horvath  
 Supreme Vice-President ..... Edward D. Moeller  
 Supreme Secretary ..... Scott T. Pogorelec, F.I.C.  
 Supreme Treasurer ..... Dennis J. Zifcak  
 General Counsel ..... John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.  
 Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors ..... James G. Jerek  
 Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics ..... James C. Matlon  
 Supreme Physical Directress ..... Kathleen S. Watkins  
 Supreme Physical Director ..... John M. Underation  
 (Excused)

The record will show that nine members of the Board of Directors are present with one excused (Brother Underation joined the meeting at 12:00 p.m.). Acknowledged

President Horvath informed the Board that they all have received the **Minutes** from our last Board meeting held on June 30, 2018 via conference call and published in the August 15, 2018 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother President entertained a motion for their acceptance, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC. Approved

President Horvath then asked our Supreme Secretary to give a brief overview of the **Membership/Sales and Marketing Report** given to our Board members by our Director of Sales and Marketing, Albert J. Suess, Jr., F.I.C.

The Supreme Secretary reported that as of August 31, 2018, a total of 357 new members have joined our organization this year through the purchase of life insurance and annuity certificates. The total face amount of insurance issued for the first eight months is \$11,630,288.00.

The total number of certificates in force is 31,292, consisting of 30,507 life certificates and 785 annuity certificates.

Brother Secretary updated the Board on the Member Referral Win/Win Program, the Agent Sales Campaign, agent recruitment, member-driven advertising, and new product development.

Several questions were presented and addressed to the satisfaction of the Board and President Horvath thanked the Supreme Secretary for presenting the report. President Horvath then asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller. Approved

President Horvath thanked the Supreme Secretary and called upon Mr. Thomas Calimano, Market Director/Senior Vice-President, PNC Institutional Asset Management.

Mr. Calimano discussed the portfolio's current asset allocation, reviewed the historic and the year to date cash flows, the long-term growth of the portfolio, the effects of the equity and fixed income

market's performance, and provided an overall relationship review.

Mr. Calimano reviewed PNC's outlook for the financial markets and the economy with the Board. Additionally, he reviewed the investment strategies recently implemented in both the equity and fixed income portfolios.

Brother Calimano addressed various questions from the Board concerning our performance outlook and Mr. Calimano indicated the Society is in a strong financial position, especially in this volatile fiscal environment. The Board members expressed thanks to Mr. Calimano and President Horvath entertained a motion to accept the report, so moved by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq., seconded by Chairperson of the Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins. Approved

President Horvath then called on the Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon, for the **Physical Fitness Board Report**.

Brother Matlon asked the Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins, to report on the 48th International Clinic that was held at SUNY Brockport in Brockport, NY from July 25-29, 2018. Sister Watkins reported it was a successful event that was enjoyed by all and the Physical Fitness Board believes that all the hard work will pay off to make our 49th International SLET a success.

The 2018 Golf Tournament was held at Oak Tree Country Club and Tam O'Shanter Golf Course from August 10-12, 2018. There was a total of 110 golfers from the Slovak Catholic Sokol, along with 11 golfers from the Greek Catholic Union. The banquet was held on Saturday night and the highlight was most definitely the presentation of the Frank S. Petruff Memorial Sports Award to Robert R. Palchanis, Jr. of Wilkes-Barre, PA. The results and pictures are available for viewing on our website.

Sites that are being considered or are already confirmed for the 2019 Sports Program:

May 17-18, 2019	Bowling	Noble Manor Lanes, Pittsburgh, PA
July 17-21, 2019	Slet	SUNY Brockport, Brockport, NY
August 16-18, 2019	Golf	Seven Oaks & Blackhawk, Beaver, PA

After a lengthy and lively discussion, President Horvath asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. Approved

President Horvath thanked Brother Matlon and Sister Watkins for their report and called upon General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq. for the **Legal Department Report**.

Counsel reported that there are several items to report on:

1. Brother John reported that the Slovak Catholic Sokol Trademark was renewed for another 10 years.
2. Brother John verified the property taxes and insurance are all paid to date on the three existing mortgages on file.

After a brief discussion regarding the above items, President Horvath entertained a motion to approve the report, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, and seconded by Supreme Chaplain, Rev. Andrew S. HvozdoVIC, V.F. Approved

At this time, Brother President inquired if any **Donation** requests have been made. The Supreme Secretary reported that one request was presented from Rev. Richard D. Baker, Pastor of St. John Nepomucene, for support in their fundraising efforts to help repair and restore statues as well as the main Crucifix on the Main Altar. The Board recommends a donation of \$200 in support of St.

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**BARBERTON, OH** – Assembly 167 will host its traditional children's Christmas party on Sunday, December 9 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located at 888 West Hopocan Avenue in Barberton. Festivities begin at 2 p.m. An afternoon of traditional Sokol fellowship and camaraderie has been planned. Refreshments and lunch will be served with appropriate entertainment provided. The highlight of the afternoon will be the visit by Santa himself. Names of junior Sokol members who will attend should be placed on the sign-up sheet at the Sokol Club or by calling Steve Macko at tel. 330 592-7658 so that Santa has enough gifts for the youngsters. – **Chris Macko**

**MILWAUKEE, WI** – Please join us for our Wreath 93 Junior Christmas Party to prepare for the birth of Jesus. We welcome you and your family on Saturday, December 1 to "A Super Christmas Celebration" featuring an evening of prayer, dinner and fellowship at St. Leonard Church, W173 S7777 Westwood Drive, Muskego, WI. We will start by attending 5 p.m. Mass, followed by a musical held in church. Dinner, crafts, a visit from St. Nick and Birthday Party for Jesus will follow in the cafeteria. There will be crafts, story time to learn about the importance of St. Nick and a photo opportunity. And you can't forget gifts from Sokol Santa. Member dinners will be covered by Wreath 93, all other guests are asked to pay \$5.00. RSVP: Lisa at lhoeck16@gmail.com or at tel. 262-748-9911 (no text messages please) by November 15 with number of adults and children attending.

– **Lisa Hoeck**, *Recording Secretary*

**PITTSBURGH, PA** – This year's exciting Children's Christmas party for junior members of Assembly 16 and Wreath 22 is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club located at 2912 East Carson Street on the city's South Side. Doors open at 12 noon and festivities begin at 1 p.m. Children 0-12 who have a Sokol insurance policy and who are registered are welcome to attend. Registration will be held every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6-8 p.m. at the Sokol Club (no names will be taken after November 15). For alternative registration methods, contact Carmella(Suess)Marzec at Cell: 412 414-9249, email: suesscm@gmail.com or Facebook: Group 14 Pgh.Pa Slovak Catholic Sokols.

Refreshments and food will be served along with entertainment. A visit from Santa will complete the afternoon. Every year in the spirit of caring and sharing, we ask for donations, this year we will be collecting coats and warm clothes that you may have and would like to donate to a local homeless shelter.

Please join the Group 14 Pgh, Pa Slovak Catholic Sokols Facebook Page for updates of our activities. We look forward to another holiday season in the best traditions of Pittsburgh Sokol fellowship and fraternalism. Zdar Boh! – **Carmella(Suess)Marzec**, *Chairperson*

**YOUNGSTOWN, OH** – All is in readiness for this year's exciting Children's Christmas / Bowling Party for all junior Sokol members of Group 17. This year's party is scheduled for Sunday, December 2, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Camelot Bowl-

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## New York Sokols Enjoy Slovak Harvest Festival



A good turnout of New York area Sokols and Sokolky enjoyed the traditional fall harvest festival in the Slovak tradition of "Zatva and Dozinky" hosted by the United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini on Sunday, October 21. In Slovakia, Dozinky marked the final step in celebrating the conclusion of the growing season.

Held in Manhattan's colorfully decorated St. John Nepomucene Social Hall, the participants enjoyed an endless array of Slovak culinary specialties prepared under the direction of New York's Slovak Master Chef, Jan Skrkon. Music for dancing by Express, as well as a spirited performance by the Limbora Slovak Folk Ensemble kept everyone in a dancing and singing harvest mood. Father Richard D. Baker, pastor of the parish and Chaplain of Group 1, offered a warm welcome and thanked all for their support and cooperation.

During the program, Dr. Larry Korcek, president of our Sokol Assembly 182, long associated with the parish, was honored on the occasion of his 80th birthday. In the top photo, Father Baker is shown with family and friends of Dr. Korcek for a special cake and champagne toast.

In the lower photo Father Baker, standing third from the right along with Father Martin Kertys, parochial assistant at the parish, standing for left, are shown with area Sokols and Sokolky who enjoyed the festivities.

A good time was had by all. During the program a check for \$200 was presented to Father Baker in support of the festival on behalf of our Board of Directors.

# Slovak Catholic Sokol Abbot Jerome M. Koval, O.S.B. Memorial High School Grant

As a fraternal benefit, the Slovak Catholic Sokol is pleased to offer \$500.00 grants to one young Sokol or Sokolka in each of our organization's nineteen Groups. These 19 Grants are available to any qualified Sokol member currently attending a Catholic High School.

### ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

### APPLICATION

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

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

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2019** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @

[www.slovakcatholic Sokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholic Sokol.org)

### DISQUALIFICATION

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

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

### RETURN OF GRANT

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



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

Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly/Wreath # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ High School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Principal of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic High School, verify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the 2019-2020 school year.

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

**Deadline for receipt of this application is MARCH 31, 2019. Return completed application to:  
SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL, 205 MADISON ST., P.O. BOX 899, PASSAIC, NJ 07055**

# Slovak Catholic Sokol Catholic Grade School School Grants

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

### ELIGIBILITY

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

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

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

### APPLICATION

This application must be **received** on or before, **March 31, 2019** with a clear, small (2"x3" wallet size) head and shoulders photograph.

Application is also available on the Internet @

[www.slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org)

### DISQUALIFICATION

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

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

### RETURN OF GRANT

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



## SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

Group # \_\_\_\_\_ Assembly/Wreath # \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Current Age \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
area code area code

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Father's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's name \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's S.C.S. Insurance Certificate # \_\_\_\_\_ Face Amount \_\_\_\_\_

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

If yes, what year? \_\_\_\_\_

School verification (to be completed by Grade School Principal)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ Principal of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Principal's signature) (Name of School)

Catholic Grade School, verify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of student)

is a student at the above school and will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in the 2019-2020 school year.

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

**Deadline for receipt of this application is MARCH 31, 2019. Return completed application to:  
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## Lodge Jottings

### CLIFTON, NJ, ASSEMBLY 162

The annual meeting of our lodge under the fostering care of SS. Cyril and Methodius will be held on Sunday, December 16 in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 218 Ackerman Avenue beginning at 12:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend.

Our agenda will include the reports of officers and plans for our various fraternal and sporting activities in the new year will be discussed. Election of officers for 2019 will take place. Following our business meeting as is our long-standing fraternal tradition, we will host our traditional children's Christmas party. Refreshments will be served and a visit from Santa will complete the afternoon of fraternal fellowship and camaraderie. In order to make the necessary plans for the party, parents are asked to call our chairperson, John Termyna at tel. 973 513-2441 indicating the names and ages of the children who will attend. Wishing all our members a joyous Christmas season along with a New Year filled with God's continued blessings of good health and happiness, may we remain

Zdar Boh!

**John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.**

*President*

**David Bulwin**

*Recording Secretary*

### LORAIN, OH., WREATH 111

On Monday, December 10, our Wreath will host its traditional Christmas dinner and annual raffle. This wonderful evening, recalling our rich Slovak Christmas Eve traditions, will be held at the American Slovak Club located at 2915 Broadway Avenue beginning at 6 p.m. Our program begins with the sharing of the traditional Oplatky and honey, the washing of hands and a Christmas toast. A delicious dinner will follow. Join us as we welcome the Christmas season and enjoy traditional Sokol fraternalism at its best. We look forward to seeing a good number of our members at this annual event.

To cap off the festivities, we will host our traditional raffle which funds our various charitable activities. So plan to join your fellow Sokol members at what looks to be an enjoyable evening. Reservations are a must. Contact Marty Zemanek at tel. 440 225-8676. Deadline for reservations is December 3rd.

Zdar Boh!

**Helen M. Zemanek**

*President*

### MILWAUKEE, WI, WREATH 93

We invite Wreath 93 members to join us on Saturday, December 8 for a festive morning. This year's events include breakfast with Santa at 9:00 a.m. followed by the children making gifts for four members of their family while the parents socialize in the fellowship hall. This activity will be held at Emmanuel Community United Methodist Church, N84 W16707 Menomonee Ave, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Please RSVP to Lisa at lhoeck16@gmail.com or 262-748-9911 (no text messages please) by November 20 with number of adults and children attending. We hope to see many of you there.

Zdar Boh!

**Lisa Hoeck**

*Recording Secretary*

## United Slovak Societies host "Spooktacular" at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, Oh.

On Sunday, October 21, children at the American Slovak Club in Lorain, Oh. were treated to a "spooktacular" afternoon hosted by the United Slovak Societies. In anticipation of Halloween, the youngsters enjoyed several hours of bowling in their Halloween costumes followed by a pizza and doughnut party. They especially enjoyed receiving treat bags and mini pumpkins. A wonderful time was had by all including their parents. Junior Sokols and Sokolky from Wreath 111 were among the party-goers.

– **Michele Mager**, *Secretary*, United Slovak Societies



Volunteers who made the event possible are shown above and include, front row, l-r, Michele Mager, Sue Naelitz, Lilly Zilko and Helen Zemanek, who is president of our Sokol, Wreath 111; back row, l-r, Len Zilko, Joyce Zilko, Bob Katricak and Marty Zemanek.



Rusty Groner, bowling manager and Len Zilko, president welcome the youngsters to the bowling alley.



United Slovak Societies president Len Zilko with some of the youngsters.

## Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve - Vilija Suppers set

One of our cherished faith traditions, the traditional Christmas Eve Supper or Vilija as it is known in Slovak is held in a number of parishes and institutions in the United States in the coming weeks. Each provides the opportunity to enjoy the traditional foods enjoyed in a Slovak home on Christmas Eve. This year, the following centers have scheduled their celebration.

**CLEVELAND, OH.** - St. Andrew Abbey, the home of the Benedictine Order of Cleveland, will host its Vilija on Sunday, December 2. The celebration begins with Mass celebrated in the Abbey Church, located at 2900 Martin Luther King Drive beginning at 12 noon. The meatless luncheon follows in the cafeteria of Benedictine High School. A cultural program will feature the artistry of the Lucina Slovak Folklore Ensemble. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. For reservations call tel. 216 721-5300 extension 100. Deadline for reservations is November 26.

**CHICAGO, ILL.** - St. Simon the Apostle Parish will host its traditional Vilija or Stedry Vecer dinner and cultural program on Sunday, December 9 in the parish social hall located at 5157 South California Ave. in the Gage Park section of southwest Chicago. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. and festivities begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children ages 5-12. Advance ticket sales only. For reservations call the parish office at 773 436-1045, ext.1. Slovak culinary specialities enjoyed at the Christmas eve dinner will be enjoyed. The cultural program will feature Chicago's Veselica Slovak Folk Ensemble as well as a Christmas sing-along. Our Sokol Assembly 11 is affiliated with this parish.

**NEW YORK, N.Y.** - The United Parish of St. John Nepomucene, St. John Martyr, and St. Frances Xavier Cabrini will host its Vilija dinner on Sunday, December 16 in the parish located at the corner of East 66th Street and First Avenue in Manhattan. Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 a.m. in Slovak and 12 noon in English Vilija to follow in the parish social hall, 406 East 67th Street. Tickets are \$20.00 adults and \$10.00, children to age 12. For reservations call the rectory at tel. 212 734-4613; discounted parking available for \$3.00 at Management Com-

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## Our Sokol Tom Duch is Grand Marshal of the New York Pulaski Day Parade



A bit of pan-Slavic history was made on Sunday, October 7 as our Sokol of Assembly 1, Attorney Thomas Duch served as Grand Marshal of New York's 81st annual Pulaski Day Parade which proudly marched up New York's famed Fifth Avenue. Brother Tom was the first non-Pole in more than 40 years to serve as Grand Marshall of the parade. The parade honors the Polish General Casimir Pulaski who labored on America's behalf during our Revolutionary War. Brother Tom serves as City Manager of Garfield, N.J. Poland's President Andrzej Duda during his visit in 2017 presented him with the Commander Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. Brother Tom, who is Byzantine Catholic, is active at St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Cathedral in Passaic, N.J. His grandparents, both the Duch and Onufer families were natives of eastern Slovakia who emigrated to the New Jersey area in the early years of the 20th century. Grand Marshall Duch is shown above with another Sokol, Peter Walentowicz of Assembly 162 in Clifton. Brother Peter serves as president of the Parish Council at SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish and is an officer of Group 1. Again, our congratulations and fraternal best wishes go out to Brother Duch and Brother Peter who both give wonderful witness to our Polish and Slovak heritage.

## The Velvet Revolution in Slovakia (November 1989)

Various environmental and religious movements arose during the 1980s as a result of the political changes in the USSR under the leadership of Mikhail Sergeevich Gorbachyov. On March 25, 1988, the "Candle Manifestation" at Hviezdoslav Square in Bratislava was quickly suppressed when police used truncheons and water canons to disperse the peaceful protesters who demanded religious freedom. In November 1989 police again brutally repressed student manifestations in Bratislava and in Prague: on November 16, 1989 the Slovak university students demanded civil rights and civil liberties as well as the release of political prisoners and one day later, on November 17, 1989 police clashed with the protesters in Prague. The November events triggered a series of events that foreshadowed the end of the totalitarian regime and the fall of the "Iron Curtain" dividing the East from the West. Universities went on strike and soon the actors, artists, and dissidents followed. The opposition in the Czech Republic formed the Civic Forum while the Public Against Violence was created in Slovakia. On November 27, 1989 a nationwide general strike was held, and two days later, on November 29, 1989, President Gustav Husak signed the law that abolished the Article 4 of the constitution about the supremacy of the Communist Party in the society. A playwright and dissident Vaclav Havel became a new president of Czechoslovakia. At the beginning of December 1989, the borders between the East and the West opened and the infamous "Iron Curtain" fell.

### Czech and Slovak Federative Republic

In 1990 the Federal Assembly acknowledged the name of the country as the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic. In the first democratic elections held on June 8-9, 1990, the Public Against Violence emerged a clear winner in Slovakia. The pressing need for a change in economy resulted in economic reforms and privatization. On July 17, 1992, the Slovak National Council declared the independence of the Slovak Republic (Declaration of the Independence of the Slovak Republic). On September 1, 1992, the Constitution of the Slovak Republic was adopted, and on November 25, 1992 the Federal Assembly passed a constitutional act that officially terminated the Czech and Slovak Federative Republic.

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# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik" November, 2018

## Turkey Dinner

When Daddy carves the turkey,  
It is really quite a sight,  
I know he tries his hardest,  
But he never does it right.

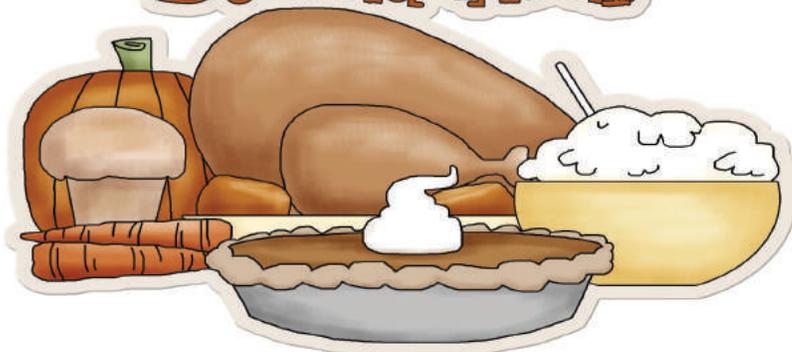
He makes a fancy show of it,  
Before he starts to carve,  
And stabs in all directions,  
While we're certain that we'll starve.

He seems to take forever,  
As we sit and shake our heads,  
By the time he's finished slicing,  
He's reduced the birds to shreds.

He yells as loud as thunder,  
Just before he's finally through  
For when Daddy carves the turkey,  
Daddy carves his finger too!



### Be Thankful!



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!**

Peyton Manyak 11/2  
Taylor Slonac 11/4  
Alexandra Bond 11/6  
Nina Martyak 11/8  
Luke McLeary 11/20



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Q: How did the Pilgrims bring their cows to America?  
A: On the Mooooo-flower.

Q: Why can't you take a turkey to church?  
A: They use fowl language.

Q: What's the most musical part of a turkey?  
A: The drumstick.





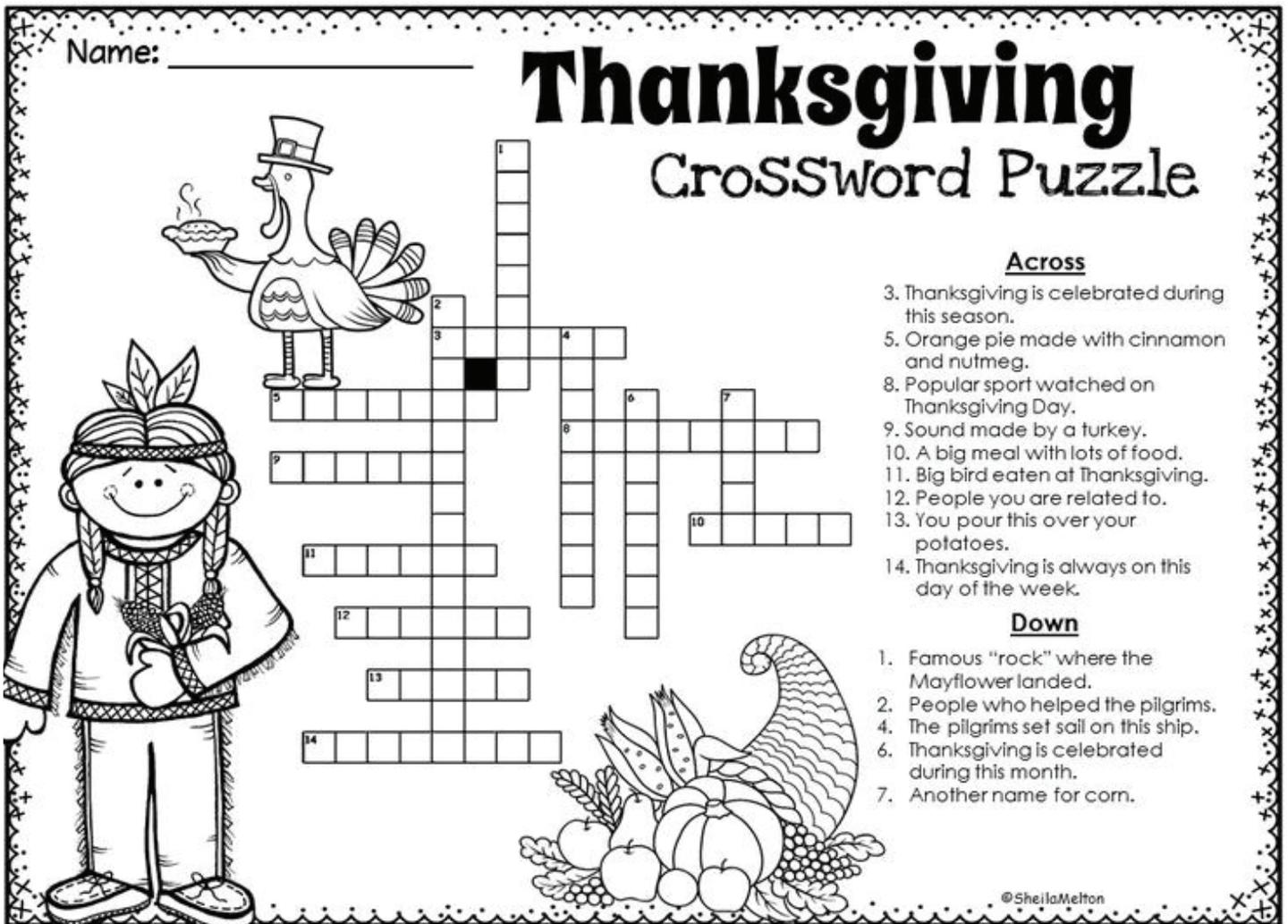

# KIDS' CORNER "Detský kútik"

## November, 2018

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Thanksgiving

## Crossword Puzzle



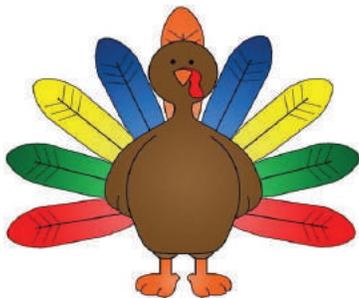
**Across**

- Thanksgiving is celebrated during this season.
- Orange pie made with cinnamon and nutmeg.
- Popular sport watched on Thanksgiving Day.
- Sound made by a turkey.
- A big meal with lots of food.
- Big bird eaten at Thanksgiving.
- People you are related to.
- You pour this over your potatoes.
- Thanksgiving is always on this day of the week.

**Down**

- Famous "rock" where the Mayflower landed.
- People who helped the pilgrims.
- The pilgrims set sail on this ship.
- Thanksgiving is celebrated during this month.
- Another name for corn.

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**Happy  
Thanksgiving**



## What's making headlines in our ancestral homeland



## News and Views from Slovakia...

### RICHTER: AIM OF MINISTRY'S NEW STRATEGY IS NOT TO IMPORT CHEAP LABOR

The aim of the draft labour force mobility strategy is not to import cheap labor from abroad that would cause social dumping, Labor Minister Jan Richter (Smer-SD) said at a press conference in October.

The Government approved the material prepared by the Labour Ministry on October 10.

Richter pointed out that the Slovak labour market has various specifics, including regional differences and the unemployed at labor offices often do not meet employers' demands from the point of view of their structure and education. Therefore, the Government has decided to adopt this strategy. "In the context of adopting this strategy, we aren't interested in importing cheap labor. This shouldn't be at the expense of the Slovak unemployed, this is by no means opening of borders for all. In the framework is an accelerated process of recruiting workers to jobs with a lack of labour force and only in districts where the unemployment rate is under 5 percent," said Richter, adding that this applies to more than 65 percent of all districts in Slovakia.

According to Richter, Slovakia remains a V4 country that regulates the supply of legal labour from third countries that will not cause social dumping. "The target group of this strategy isn't refugees or asylum seekers, but it aims to establish a specific vision, measures on regulated labour mobility of third-country nationals to the Slovak labor market," said Richter.

A similar strategy has also been adopted by Finland. "The aim is to adopt temporary, extraordinary measures to address the current shortage of skilled labor in the Slovak labour market, with the prospect of later consideration of the need to keep the extraordinary measures, given the current labour market needs or the current number of foreigners in Slovakia," stated Richter.

The ministry proposes several measures in the strategy. For example, the list of professions with a labour shortage should be updated quarterly, not annually. A duty to report a job vacancy to the labour office should be introduced since a potential central job portal would allow a more flexible response to the need to fill the vacancy. Companies should also give towns and municipalities information on the place of accommodation of staff from third countries; the conditions for the submission of documents on the education achieved should be adjusted. This duty should apply only to regulated professions in health care and education.

The number of supporting documents submitted to the application for a temporary stay, if a foreigner wants to work in Slovakia, should also be re-evaluated. The time limit for assessing the application for a temporary stay should be shortened from 90 days to 30 days for technology centre staff.

### V4 PRESIDENTS: MIGRANTS NEED TO BE HELPED IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES

Regarding the rise of xenophobia, extremism and nationalism in Europe, we need to defend the joint EU project, stated Slovak President Andrej Kiska at a two-day summit of the presidents of the Visegrad Four (V4) group which took place in Strbske Pleso (Presov region) between October 11-12.

Kiska stressed that the EU-member states should be tolerant to each other and that the V4 countries should work towards the unification of the Union. "Any discussions about dividing Europe into old, new or a two speed Europe – this is not how we see the EU in the future," said Kiska.

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

The Slovak president, Hungarian President Janos Ader, Czech President Milos Zeman and Polish President Andrzej Duda at the summit concurred that regarding the migrant crisis, the migrants should be helped in their countries of origin so that they don't have to leave their home countries. At the same time the V4 presidents stressed the need to protect the EU's external borders and fight against traffickers.

"If it's possible the protection of the external border should be carried out by the national army. The country should protect its borders from its own resources. Frontex [European Border and Coast Guard Agency] should help only if the country lacks funds, skills or personnel," said the Hungarian president, adding that boosting the economic stability of the countries from which migrants are coming will decrease their mass arrival into Europe.

The Czech president agreed with his Hungarian counterpart, giving Syria as an example. "In my opinion the civil war is coming to an end in Syria and a great deal of necessary investment needs to be done there. It would surely be more meaningful to help to restore the local infrastructure than relocate them [migrants in Europe], as they eventually all end up in Germany," said Zeman, referring to the fact that most of the migrants coming to Europe are heading to Germany.

The Polish president pointed out that the V4 countries were clearly right when they spoke about ineffectiveness of migration quotas three years ago. Duda also noted that Europe hasn't effectively fought against migrant smugglers.

Kiska positively evaluated the Frontex activities, saying that without its work the individual EU countries could have had the tendency to introduce checks at their borders, which isn't right.

### PELLEGRINI: SLOVAKIA IS PRO-EU AND PRO-NATO, BUT HAS A RIGHT TO ITS OWN VIEW

Slovakia is a clearly pro-European and pro-NATO country that at the same time wants to maintain diplomatic relations at all levels, stated Prime Minister Peter Pellegrini (Smer-SD) on Wednesday in response to Parliamentary Chair Andrej Danko's recent meeting with Chairman of the State Duma Vyacheslav Volodin, who is on the EU sanctions list.

Pellegrini in this context said that even though he politically understands sanctions against Russia, they are harmful for Slova-

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kia in economic terms.

“The Slovak Republic is always on the side of its allies. On the other hand, Slovakia has the right to express its opinion that looking at what has been achieved by sanctions, it has turned out to be nothing much,” said Pellegrini, stressing that Slovakia has always preferred talks to sanctions.

The premier further said that the meeting of two heads of the parliaments is totally normal in terms of diplomatic relations. Even Foreign Affairs Minister Miroslav Lajcak (Smer-SD) recently met his Russian counterpart Sergey Lavrov, said Pellegrini.

When asked whether or not it's all right that Danko called Volodin his friend, even though the Russian politician is on the EU sanction list, Pellegrini said that he isn't entitled to evaluate the activities of the top constitutional officials.

The Foreign and European Affairs Ministry in this regard stated that it's the Government in general and the Foreign Affairs Ministry in particular that is responsible for the country's official foreign policy and that the state position with respect to the anti-Russian sanctions remains in line with that of the EU.

Danko met Volodin at the third Eurasian parliamentary summit held in the Turkish city of Antalya between October 8-10.

### FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY SUBJECTED TO SOPHISTICATED CYBERATTACK

The Slovak Foreign and European Affairs Ministry has become the target of a massive cyberattack, Prime Minister Peter Pellegrini (Smer-SD) said after a Security Council session on Wednesday, October 17 adding that at the moment it's not possible to specify who is behind the attack.

“This attack has been revealed by the Military Intelligence Service due to unusual computer behaviour. Following a thorough analysis they confirmed that it hasn't been a common infection, but a sophisticated malicious code that allows attackers to filter data from inside the organization onto attackers' servers abroad,” said Pellegrini.

The premier went on to say that the issues concerning the identity of attackers and the subject of their interest are currently the main objective of the ongoing documentation. “Based on the information we have, I have tasked the Military Intelligence direc-

tor with examining the security of the entire government network,” he said.

Pellegrini further praised the readiness of the Slovak Military Intelligence Service. “This attack has been activated from abroad, it is a supranational sophisticated spy organization, and it's essential for us to start co-operating with teams that examine similar attacks in the surrounding countries. That's why we've decided to publish the information (about the attack) and show that Slovakia is able to detect such things and take countermeasures,” said the premier.

When asked whether or not any secret information leaked from the computers, the premier provided the journalists only with a vague answer. “Fortunately, the entire ministry's system was not put out of order. The question of what the attackers could see at the ministry is being examined. However, the measures have been taken continuously, so that no damage is caused to the Slovak Republic,” he said.

### JAGUAR LAND ROVER LAUNCHED OPERATIONS IN NITRA PLANT

Carmaker Jaguar Land Rover officially launched its new production plant in Nitra Strategic Park on October 25.

The first test cars manufactured as part of the final preparations before the plant is opened were produced back in early September. More than 1,300 people are currently working at the plant, with an additional 150 workers expecting to join them by the end of the year.

The British carmaker wants to produce 150,000 vehicles per year at the plant, with the Land Rover Discovery being the first manufactured car model. “Within two years we'd like to start producing a second model, but we won't specify what it is for now,” said the company's operations manager Alexander Wortberg.

Jaguar intends to employ 2,800 workers by 2020. It's also expected that another 22,000 indirect jobs will be created in Slovakia by subcontracting companies.

The carmaker has invested \$1.4 billion in the construction of the plant, while another 129 million has been provided to it by Slovakia in the form of state aid. Early in October, the European Commission approved the level of Slovak investment aid for Jaguar Land Rover, saying that the aid was in accordance with EU rules on state aid. The construction of the Nitra plant began two years ago.



Kremnica is a town in central Slovakia. The well-preserved medieval town built above important gold mines is the site of the oldest still-working mint in the world. Kremnica castle comprises a compound of medieval buildings from the 14th through 15th centuries, protected with double fortifications to which town walls are connected. The town walls rank among the best-preserved town fortifications in Slovakia. The Church of St. Catherine, the patron saint of the town, is the dominant sight of the castle area. The church, with the interior in the Neo-Gothic style. In the 15th century, the church tower was added, which acquired the present Renaissance appearance after a fire in 1560. For centuries, there used to be guards who would warn people of any danger. The guards' room is currently used for exhibition purposes and it also offers the most beautiful view of the town and its environs. In order to get to the exhibition, visitors have to climb 127 steps of the stone spiral staircase. The oldest architectural monument of the castle area and of the town in general is the ossuary from the early 14th century. The ossuary itself is accessible in the basement while the Chapel of St. Andrew with Gothic wall paintings constitutes the upper part. The museum offers to town-castle visitors also historical and art expositions in other museum premises: Baroque Plastic Art in the Town Hall, Archeological research of the Castle and Town's Defence in the Northern Tower and Kremnica Bells and Bell Founders in the Little Clock Tower. The Miners' Bastion is part of the fortifications.

## Welcome to an International Slet Competition year!!

The time has come for each Group to start preparing for the International Slet that is scheduled in July at Brockport University in New York. After the new year, many Groups start the vigorous planning. This Slet is going to be an exciting one for me as my oldest son, Connor, is finally old enough to compete.



This past summer, I had the honor of getting together with the Directors, Directresses and assistants from different Groups at the International Clinic. It is always great to get together with all the leaders who donate their time endlessly, for the children. Each one of them is very motivated and excited for the new competition year to start. If you and your children are interested in participating, please

reach out to your Group. With all the Annual Christmas parties right around the corner, you will be able to meet other participants, coaches and parents who are excited to compete. If you need more information or do not know who to contact from your group please contact me and I would love to help guide you in the right direction. My email address is [Katieannswift@gmail.com](mailto:Katieannswift@gmail.com)

The Supreme Physical Fitness Board is well under way of planning the events for the 2019 year. We are always trying to organize new events to capture the attention of everyone. If you have an idea or would like to host an event, please contact me and we can work together for the betterment of the organization.

Don't forget to check out our Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. It is a great way to keep in touch and see what your Group and other Groups are doing.

As the holiday season approaches, please take time to enjoy your family and friends. Zdar Boh! – **Katie Swift**, *Supreme Assistant Physical Directress*

## SOKOL CALENDAR

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Mass at 12 noon, program to follow in the parish social hall.

■ Angelica Women's Chamber Choir hosted by East River Catholics at St. John Nepomucene Church, 66th St. and First Ave., New York, N.Y. beginning at 3 p.m., suggested donation \$20 at the door.

■ Traditional Slovak Christmas Vilija dinner hosted by The Slovak Garden 3110 Howell Branch Rd. #100, Winter Park, Fla. in the small social hall beginning at 2 p.m., \$20.00 per person; for reservations call tel 407-677-6894 or [slovakgarden@centurylink.net](mailto:slovakgarden@centurylink.net)

■ Slovak Heritage Association of the Laurel Highlands meeting and Christmas party at the Am-Slo Club, Johnstown, Pa. from 2-4 p.m. for info call tel. 814 255-5517 or [nick@bocher.net](mailto:nick@bocher.net)

■ Assembly 162 annual meeting and children's Christmas party in SS. Cyril and Methodius Church Hall, 218 Ackerman Ave., Clifton, N.J. beginning at 12:30 p.m.

### MON. DEC. 31

■ SILVESTER STEAK FRY is scheduled from 5-7 p.m. at the American Slovak Club, 2915 Broadway Ave., Lorain, Oh. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and advanced ticket sales only. Reservations: Pam, tel. 440 245-5146.

### FRI. JAN. 18

■ 46th annual March for Life in opposition to abortion in Washington, D.C.

## Scenes of the Annual Spaghetti Luncheon hosted by Wreath 22 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A wonderful turnout of area Sokols, Sokolky and friends enjoyed the annual Spaghetti Luncheon hosted by Wreath 22 at the Slovak Catholic Sokol Club on Pittsburgh's South Side on Saturday, November 3. Profits realized from the event support the various charitable activities of the Wreath. We thank all who supported this year's event. Zdar Boh! - **Carmella Marzec**



## Junior Christmas Parties Set

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ing Lanes, 628 Boardman-Canfield Road in Boardman, Oh. This annual holiday event is hosted by Wreath 54 and Assemblies 107 and 108. An afternoon of fun and fraternalism is planned. Junior Sokol members can enjoy two hours of bowling, pizza, pop and, of course, a visit from Santa will cap off the afternoon!! Guests of Group 17 members are also invited to join in the festivities at a cost of \$10.00 per person. An enjoyable afternoon is assured. Please call or text Judy Babik at 330-360-5690 by November 25 to register. - Zdar Boh! – **Judy Babik**, *Chairperson*

# THE SOKOL WIN - WIN LEAD PROGRAM BENEFITING MEMBERS

*Program Runs - August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2019*

The Slovak Catholic Sokol for over 113 years has provided our members with sound financial protection and outstanding fraternal benefits. The Society is introducing a program that will benefit our existing and potential members.

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## AVAILABILITY

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Assembly/Wreath Presidents and other Assembly/Wreath Officers are asked to distribute SOKOL WIN - WIN Lead Cards to existing Members who want to recommend someone to become an insured Benefit Member.

Making it easy - SOKOL WIN - WIN Lead Cards are available for completion and submitting on the SOKOL Web Site [www.slovakcatholicsokol.org](http://www.slovakcatholicsokol.org)

Mail completed Referral Lead Cards to the Sales & Marketing Office.

The Assembly/Wreath that has the largest number of new Members referred through this program will be awarded \$500 and will receive recognition in the FALCON, on the SOKOL website and the 2019 National Convention.

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**Interest:**

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## SCENES FROM GROUP 14 HALLOWEEN PARTY HELD IN PITTSBURGH, PA



### GROUP 7 – UPCOMING EVENTS

Group 7 of Wilkes-Barre, PA will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion on Friday, November 23 at the North End Slovak Citizens Club from 7-10 p.m. Food and beverages will be served. All members are invited to this event. Pictures from past events will be displayed, if anyone would like to bring any memorabilia from Group 7, please bring them that night. The Group will have a Giving Tree on display for donations for a local charity for the holiday season. Please RSVP to a Group 7 officer or contact Amy Blasco at 570-574-0136.

Friday, December 14, Group 7 will hold its meeting and Holiday party. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with the party following. Food and beverages will be served.

## MINUTES OF THE SUPREME BOARD OF DIRECTORS QUARTERLY MEETING

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John Nepomucene.

Approved

President Horvath then called upon Chairperson of the Supreme Auditors, James G. Jerek, for the **2018 Semi-Annual Audit Report**.

Brother Jerek reported that the Audit for the first six months of 2018 was conducted at the Home Office in Passaic, NJ on August 17-18, 2018. The report was printed in the September 19, 2018 issue of the Slovak Catholic Falcon. Brother James proceeded to review the report and addressed several questions from the Board members. Brother Jerek expressed his thanks to the Supreme Secretary and the Home Office staff for their cooperation and appreciates the continued efforts of the various Boards to control and reduce many of the expenses.

After a lengthy discussion, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath asked for a motion to accept the report, so moved by Supreme Physical Directress, Kathleen S. Watkins, seconded by General Counsel, John D. Pogorelec, Jr., Esq.

Approved

The Supreme President questioned the Board members regarding the **Annuity Interest Rate** to be offered for the fourth quarter of 2018.

The Board members had a lively discussion regarding the Annuity Interest Rate, taking into consideration our investment portfolio and the current interest rate environment. Supreme Treasurer, Dennis J. Zifcak, made a motion to increase our short-term products: Vantage 1, Vantage 2, and Vantage 3 to 2.10%, 2.40%, and 2.65% respectively, seconded by Supreme Director of Sports and Athletics, James C. Matlon.

Approved

President Horvath questioned if there was any **Unfinished Business** to address.

The Board members were informed by Brother Secretary that our Fraternalist of the Year presentation will be held on Friday, November 9, 2018 in Youngstown, OH. Final arrangements are being made to honor this year's recipient, Edith M. Babik. The Board of Directors wishes to again extend their congratulations to Sister Babik on this well-deserved honor.

Acknowledged

Under our pension and benefits program, the Board also agreed to establish a 401k Plan for any new employees at the Home Office. This will hopefully lower future costs associated with the current pension program.

Acknowledged

Under **New Business**, President Horvath updated the Board on the progress of the 2020 Committee and gave a brief overview of the agenda for the meeting to be held on Saturday, September 29th.

After discussions with our Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, the Supreme Secretary informed the Board members that the date and site for the **next Supreme Board of Directors meeting** will be December 2-3, 2018 with travel dates being December 1 and 4, 2018 in Charleston, SC at the Embassy Suites Historic Charleston.

Acknowledged

Having completed all the business on the agenda, Supreme President, Michael J. Horvath, entertained a **motion to adjourn**, so moved by Supreme Vice-President, Edward D. Moeller, seconded by Supreme Physical Director, John M. Underation.

Approved

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully Submitted,

**Scott T. Pogorelec F.I.C.**, Supreme Secretary

## Sides Dishes for the Thanksgiving Menu

### GREEN BEANS WITH CARAMELIZED ONIONS AND ALMONDS

Kosher salt  
3 pounds green beans  
1/2 cup skin on sliced almonds  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter  
5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil  
2 large onions, sliced thin  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme leaves  
Freshly ground black pepper

Fill a large high sided skillet with some water, adding enough to be just shy of the rim of the pan by about 1 inch. Place over high heat and bring up to boil; add a big pinch of salt and the green beans. Cook for about 5 minutes, the beans should still be crisp. Drain the beans and then run them under some cold water to stop them from cooking. Reserve the beans while you start the onions. Return the skillet you cooked the beans in to the cook top over medium heat. Add the almonds and toast stirring every now and then until golden, about 3 to 5 minutes. Remove the almonds from the skillet and reserve. Return the skillet to the heat and add the butter and olive oil and heat until the butter has melted. Add the

onions, season with salt and pepper, and cook stirring frequently until the onions caramelize, 20 to 25 minutes. Add the thyme, and cook for another 5 minutes. Add the cooked cooled green beans and almonds, and stir well to combine. Season with salt and pepper, to taste.

### HOLIDAY ROASTED VEGETABLES

3/4 lb. Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved  
2 large carrots, peeled and sliced into 1/2" pieces  
extra-virgin olive oil  
1 tbsp. balsamic vinegar  
1 tsp. chopped rosemary leaves  
1 tsp. chopped thyme leaves  
1/2 c. toasted pecans  
1/2 c. dried cranberries

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Scatter vegetables on a large sheet pan. Toss with enough olive oil to coat each piece, then toss with balsamic vinegar. Season with salt and pepper. Scatter herbs around the pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until the vegetable are tender, shaking the pan halfway through. Before serving, toss roasted veg-

etables with pecan and cranberries.

### BAKED CREAM CORN

6 slices bacon, chopped  
Cooking spray  
3 c. corn kernels (fresh, canned, or frozen and thawed)  
1/4 c. all-purpose flour  
2 c. shredded Cheddar  
1 jalapeño, minced  
1 tbsp. sugar  
2 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1/4 c. melted butter  
1 c. milk  
kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F. In a medium skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp. Transfer to a paper towel-lined plate; drain. Spray a baking dish with cooking spray. Add corn, flour, 1 1/2 cups cheddar, jalapeño, sugar, cooked bacon, beaten eggs, melted butter, and milk. Season generously with salt and pepper and mix together until combined. Top with remaining 1/2 cup cheddar. Bake 1 hour, then let cool 20 minutes to firm up.

### EASY CRANBERRY STUFFING

1 large sourdough boule, cut into cubes  
6 tbsp. butter, divided, plus more for baking dish  
2 apples, cored and chopped  
1 c. dried cranberries  
2 medium onions, chopped  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
2 tbsp. freshly chopped parsley, plus more for garnish  
1/2 tbsp. freshly chopped sage  
1/2 tbsp. freshly chopped thyme leaves  
1/2 tbsp. freshly chopped rosemary  
2 c. low-sodium vegetable (or chicken) broth

Tear or slice bread into cubes and leave out overnight to dry out or place it on baking sheets and bake at 200 degrees F for 20 minutes. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F and butter a large baking dish. In a large skillet over medium heat, melt butter. Add onion, celery, and apple and cook until soft and fragrant, 8 minutes. Stir in parsley, sage, thyme, and rosemary and cook until fragrant, 1 minute more. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in remaining 3 tablespoons butter and parsley. Place bread and cranberries in a large bowl and add onion mixture and chicken broth. Transfer mixture to prepared baking dish and cover with foil. Bake until cooked through, 45 minutes, then remove foil and cook until bread is golden, 15 minutes more. Garnish with parsley before serving.



1 recipe pastry for a 9 inch double crust pie; 1/2 cup unsalted butter; 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour; 1/4 cup water

1/2 cup white sugar; 1/2 cup packed brown sugar; 8 Granny Smith apples - peeled, cored and sliced

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Melt the butter in a saucepan. Stir in flour to form a paste. Add water, white sugar and brown sugar, and bring to a boil. Reduce temperature and let simmer. Place the bottom crust in your pan. Fill with apples, mounded slightly. Cover with a lattice work crust. Gently pour the sugar and butter liquid over the crust. Pour slowly so that it does not run off. Bake 15 minutes in the preheated oven. Reduce the temperature to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Continue baking for 35 to 45 minutes, until apples are soft.



# OBITUARIES

## Sister M. Marie Glodava, O.S.F., 81 Devoted School Sister of St. Francis

Sister M. Marie Glodava, in the 63rd year of her Religious Profession as a School Sister of St. Francis, passed away peacefully on August 13 in Bethlehem, Pa. She was 81.



A native of Clifton, N.J., the former Johanna Glodava was born there April 24, 1937 to Joseph F. and the former Johanna Bigos. Both her parents were of

Slovak ancestry. They both were machine workers with different companies and they also took care of the needs of their seven children. At her baptism, she was called Jennie and the name stuck throughout her childhood years and later by those who came to know her well. Her early years in education were at the former SS. Cyril and Methodius School in Clifton, N.J., where she first came in contact with the School Sisters of St. Francis who were her teachers. She attended the former Pope Pius XII High school in Passaic, N.J. as well as Mount Assisi Academy in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Johanna entered the School Sisters of St. Francis from SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish in 1953 and was received into the novitiate at Mount Assisi Convent in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1954, when she was given the name of Sister Marie. She professed her first vows in 1955 and immediately began her ministry of teaching in the elementary grades. Her final profession was in 1960. Sister Marie attended classes at Mount Mercy College (Carlow University) in Pittsburgh, Pa., where she earned a bachelor of science degree in education in 1974. She received certification as a nursery school educator from Seton Hall University in 1976.

During her years of active ministry, Sister Marie taught elementary and middle school grades in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Massachusetts. She spent many years working with children in preschool and kindergarten and as an administrative assistant in an elementary school, and

in her later years, volunteered in schools and parish offices in Closter, N.J. and West Lawn, Pa.

In 2018, Sister Marie became ill and went to live at Monocacy Manor in Bethlehem, Pa., where she was active in prayer ministry until her death. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Stephen, Joseph, John and Daniel; and one sister, Mary T. Pituch-Mancin. She is survived by her brother, Anthony, a long-time Sokol fraternal activist; her religious community and numerous nieces and nephews. She was member of Assembly 162 of the Slovak Catholic Sokol since her childhood.

Family, friends and fellow religious paid their final respects to Sister Marie at the Bizub-Quinlan Funeral Home in Clifton, Pa. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on August 17 at SS. Cyril and

Methodius Church. Interment followed at St. Mary's Cemetery in Saddle Brook, N.J. Donations in Sister Marie's memory may be sent to: School Sisters of St. Francis Retirement Fund, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, Pa. 18017.

May our Sister Marie, who so beautifully mirrored the Franciscan charism as well as our Cyrilo-Methodian heritage of faith, rest in peace.

### 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.**

### In Memoriam



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

#### SEPTEMBER 2018

ASSEMBLY/ WREATH	MEMBER	AGE	DATE OF DEATH
Assembly 36	John M. Jurica , Detroit, MI	101	July 23, 2018
Assembly 48	George C. Sevick, Philadelphia, PA	88	May 8, 2018
Assembly 59	Vicki Long , Wilkes-Barre, PA	60	September 10, 2018
Assembly 59	Mildred M. Bilski , Wilkes- Barre, PA	85	August 20, 2018
Assembly 59	Maria Migatulski , Wilkes, Barre, PA	83	May 22, 2018
Assembly 78	Frank J. Tomko, Sr., Bethlehem, PA	96	September 5, 2018
Assembly 108	George Vukovich, Youngstown, OH	87	July 28, 2014
Assembly 127	Joseph Bulko, Monessen, PA	87	August 18, 2018
Assembly 136	John J. Pinca, Nanticoke, PA	78	August 25, 2018
Assembly 188	James Demetrovic, Lansford, PA	68	August 11, 2018
Assembly 188	Cyril M. Shickora, Lansford, PA	81	January 21, 2018
Assembly 312	Helen Maro, Passaic, NJ	92	April 24, 2012
Wreath 29	Joan Frances Ballish, Farrell, PA	87	September 17, 2018
Wreath 47	Margaret M. Rude, Minneapolis, MN	88	September 8, 2018
Wreath 81	Mary Halazck, Whiting, IN	88	September 8, 2018
Wreath 93	Lucille E. Ottosen, Milwaukee, WI	73	August 24, 2018
Wreath 157	Joan Shober, Nesquehoning, PA	79	September 13, 2018
Wreath 157	Patricia A. Rose, Nesquehoning, PA	82	August 13, 2018

## The Velvet Revolution in Slovakia

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The Slovak Republic was officially recognized as an independent state on January 1, 1993 with Michal Kovac as its president. On January 19, 1993 Slovakia became a United Nations member state and on June 30, 1993 it joined the European Council.

President Rudolf Suster succeeded Michal Kovac in 1999. Ivan Gasparovic was president for two terms from 2004 until 2014. The current president of the Slovak Republic is Andrej Kiska. Vladimir Meciar, a leader of the Movement for a Democratic Slovakia (HZDS), was the Prime Minister in times of the new state formation. His government resigned in March 1994 and was replaced by the coalition under the leadership of Jozef Moravcik. Early elections in the fall of 1994 made Vladimir Meciar, the leader of the winning HZDS, once again the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic. Leader of the Slovak Democratic Coalition (Christian Democratic Movement-KDH, Democratic Union –DU, Democratic Party-DS, Social Democratic Party-SDSS, and Green Party-SZ) Mikulas Dzurinda replaced Meciar in 1997. Currently, Peter Pellegrini is the Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic. One of the most important events in history of an independent Slovakia was Pope John Paul's II visit to our country in July 1995.

Slovakia is a member of many international organizations - the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, UNESCO, and European Council. On May 1, 2004 the Slovak Republic joined the European Union. It has been a NATO member since March 29, 2004. On December 21, 2007 the Slovak Republic became a party to the Schengen Agreement. – *SlovakiaSite.sk*

### Slovak Christmas Tree in Chicago

Each year, the various ethnic communities of Chicago decorate individual Christmas trees reflecting their holiday traditions and heritage. These trees are displayed at the Museum of Science & Industry as part of its annual "Christmas Around the World" exhibit. The exhibit, which had its beginnings in 1942, will be featured from November 15 thru January 6, 2019. The Slovak tree will be among the 49 ethnic trees featured at this year's exhibit. The museum is located at 57th Street and South Lake Shore Drive on Chicago's south side near the University of Chicago. For information on museum hours, call tel. 773 684-1414 or visit the museum's website at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

Preparing the Slovak tree has been the project of Chicago's Rev. John J. Spitkovsky District of the First Catholic Slovak Union for nearly a quarter century. Many Sokol members have visited the exhibit over the years and I hope to see you there. Zdar Boh!

**Robert Tapak Magruder**

## MINUTES OF THE GROUP 6 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Group 6, "Msgr. Andrew Hlinka" hosted its semi-annual meeting on Sunday, October 14 in Belle Vernon, Pa. The meeting was called to order by the President, Anna Mae Warnick at 1:30 p.m. President Warnick led the delegates in the grace before meals. An enjoyable luncheon was then enjoyed.

After lunch, reports of the officers were presented. The president, Anna Mae Warnick indicated that she completed all paper work as required by the home office. The vice-president Dorothy Rudinec indicated that all duties requested by the president were completed. The treasurer, Mary Ann Erdley indicated that all bills have been paid in a timely manner. The secretary, Terri Gardner indicated that minutes were taken at each meeting and same sent to the home office. The sports director, Michael T. Matras updated the Group on the upcoming sports activities.

Discussion followed on possibly hosting a Christmas party this year. The next semi-annual meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2019. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. A closing prayer was said. Zdar Boh!

Respectfully submitted,  
**Terri Gardner, Group 6 secretary**

### Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve - Vilija Suppers set

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pany Parking Garage at 337 East 64th Street.

**YOUNGSTOWN, OH.** - The American Slovak Cultural Association of the Mahoning Valley (ASCA) will host their Vilija on Sunday, December 9 in the Father Snock Center of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish - the former St. Matthias School beginning at 4 p.m. This meatless meal will feature Slovak culinary specialties. The cultural program will feature the artistry of the Pittsburgh Slovaks. Various raffles will be featured. Oplatky will be available for sale. Cost of the dinner is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children under the age of 12. Children age 4 and younger are welcome free of charge. Advance reservations only. For reservations call Ron Garchar at tel 330 533-7077 or Loretta Ekoniak at 330 549-3760 or email Loretta at [lorettaekonial@gmail.com](mailto:lorettaekonial@gmail.com). Deadline for reservations is December 3.

### CHRISTMAS OPLATKY

Oplatky, the traditional Slovak Christmas wafers, will be available this holiday season from Jankola Library. Orders will be accepted from October 22 until December 14, 2018.



The Oplatky, five in one package are thermal-sealed and can be purchased for \$5.00 per pack. In addition, the minimum cost of shipping and handling is \$7.50 and upward depending upon the number of packets ordered and the cost of priority mailing. Customized requests can be filled to meet your needs. Payment to Jankola Library is expected before receiving an order.

For more information or to place an order contact Sister Catherine Labouré Bresnock, SS.C.M. at 570-275-5606 or write to Jankola Library and Slovak Museum, 1002 Railroad Street, Villa Sacred Heart, Danville, PA 17821-1698.

## Oslavy 100. výročia Deklarácie slovenského národa

Celoslovenské oslavy 100. výročia Deklarácie slovenského národa v Martine sa začali 30. októbra pietnym aktom kladenia vencov pred historickou budovou bývalej banky Tatra v Martine. Na jej priečelí je pamätná tabuľa, ktorá pripomína prijatie Deklarácie 30. októbra 1918.

Výročie prijatia Deklarácie si uctili prezident Andrej Kiska, prezident ČR Miloš Zeman, predseda Národnej rady SR Andrej Danko, predsedu českej Poslaneckej snemovne Radek Vondráček,



Slovenský prezident Andrej Kiska a český prezident Miloš Zeman. (Zdroj: TASR)

predseda českého Senátu Parlamentu Milan Štech, predseda vlády Peter Pellegrini, český premiér Andrej Babiš a minister obrany Peter Gajdoš.

Prezident Andrej Kiska v príhovore počas slávnostného programu povedal, že za vznikom Československa boli stovky osobností, za ich odvahu a odhodlanie im patrí naše uznanie a vďaka.

Vo svojom príhovore Kiska pripomenul trnistú cestu ku vzniku prvého samostatného štátu Čechov a Slovákov, jednotlivé dejinné udalosti, ktoré tvorili

mozaiku historického projektu. Zvýraznil práve udalosť z 30. októbra 1918 vo vtedajšom Turčianskom svätom Martine.

“Približne 200 osobností sa tu stretlo, aby v Deklarácii slovenského národa deklarovali právo na sebaurčenie slovenského národa a vôľu žiť v spoločnom štáte s českým národom. Povedzme otvorene, že tieto osobnosti to mali ťažké, boli perzekvované, boli väznené, no bojovali za práva nás Slovákov, preto prosím, vzdajme úctu otcom Martinskej deklarácie,” zdôraznil Kiska.

Pripomenul aj cestu Slovákov a Čechov od roku 1918 až po rozchod a vznik samostatných štátov v roku 1993.

“Možno to bolo vtedy aj nostalgické, ale aj sprevádzané nádejou, že sa opäť stretneme. Podarilo sa, sme v jednom úžasnom projekte Európskej únie a naši ľudia sa môžu slobodne rozhodnúť, kde chcú žiť, študovať a pracovať,” povedal prezident.

Martin bol centrom celoslovenských osláv 100. výročia prijatia Deklarácie slovenského národa (30. októbra 1918), ktorou sa Slováci prihlásili k samourčovaciemu právu česko-slovenského národa, čím vyjadrili požiadavku vytvorenia spoločného štátu. Zároveň ustanovili Slovenskú národnú radu (SNR) ako jediný orgán, oprávnený vystupovať v mene slovenského národa.

Slávnosť, na ktorej sa zúčastnili najvyšší predstavitelia Slovenska i Česka, nadväzovala na podujatia, ktoré sa konali 27. - 28. októbra, ktoré si v českých i slovenských mestách a obciach pripomenuli 100. výročie vzniku ČSR, prvého spoločného štátu Čechov a Slovákov.

## SLOVENSKO SA ZAPOJILO DO NAJVÄČŠIEHO VOJENSKÉHO CVIČENIA NATO

Slovensko sa spoločne s vojakmi z 31 spojeneckých a partnerských krajín Severoatlantickej aliancie (NATO) zapojilo do vojenského cvičenia Trident Juncture 2018. Ide o najrozsiahlejšie cvičenie NATO od konca studenej vojny, na ktorom sa zúčastňuje 45-tisíc vojakov.

Slovenskí vojaci si spolu s kolegami z partnerských krajín precvičujú schopnosť NATO plánovať a realizovať obsah článku 5 Severoatlantickej zmluvy, od výcviku vojsk na taktickej úrovni až po veliteľské štruktúry.

Aliančné cvičenie Trident Juncture 2018 je rozdelené na dve časti. V rámci štábnej časti cvičenia (TRJ18 CPX) sa piati slovenskí vojaci v Taliansku podieľajú na plánovaní a koordinácii spravodajskej činnosti, určovaní cieľov, logistiky vzdušných operácií, použitia prvkov protivzdušnej obrany, ako aj na riadení palebnej podpory.

Ďalší štyria príslušníci slovenských ozbrojených síl sú v rámci druhej poľnej časti (TRJE18 LIVEX) v Nórsku, kde plnia špecifické úlohy v súvislosti s plánovaním a riadením pozemnej a vzdušnej operácie, činnosťami v oblastiach RCHBO, ochrany vlastných síl a zdravotníckej podpory operácie.

Trident Juncture 2018 sa koná od 25. októbra do 23. novembra v priestore stredného a východného Nórska, okolitých oblastí severného Atlantiku a Baltského mora vrátane Islandu, Talianska a vzdušného priestoru partnerských krajín Fínska a Nórska.

Počas cvičenia bude použitých približne 150 kusov leteckej techniky, 70 lodí a viac ako 10-tisíc vozidiel.

## HISTORICKÁ PAMIATKA NA SLOVENSKU



Staré banícke mesto Dobšiná leží v údolí Dobšinského potoka v strednej časti Slovenského rudohoria, tvoriacej samostatný podcelok Revúckej vrchoviny – Dobšinské predhorie.

## JAGUAR OTVORIL ZÁVOD V NITRE

Spoločnosť Jaguar Land Rover 25. októbra oficiálne otvorila svoj nový výrobný závod v Strategickom parku Nitra. Spoločnosť v súčasnosti zamestnáva 1500 ľudí, do konca budúceho roka by mala mať 2800 zamestnancov. Celková výrobná kapacita predstavuje 150-tisíc automobilov ročne.

Prvým vyrábaným modelom je Land Rover Discovery, ktorý bude automobilka vyrábať výlučne v Nitre. Ďalší model plánujú vyrábať v nasledujúcich dvoch rokoch.

Vozidlá vyrábané v Nitre budú vyvážať do viac ako 170 krajín.

Vedenie závodu plánuje kapacitu zdvojnásobiť na 300.000 automobilov ročne, ak to situácia umožní na trhu.

V súčasnosti spoločnosť používa 22.000 komponentov od slovenských dodávateľov a tento podiel plánuje zvyšovať. "Na Slovensku je dobre vyvinuté zázemie pre automobilový priemysel, je tu vysoká kvalita dodávateľov, ktorí majú v tomto sektore vytvorené veľmi dobré podmienky," povedal prevádzkový riaditeľ Jaguar Land Rover Slovakia Alexander Wortberg.

V automobilke v súčasnosti pracuje 1500 zamestnancov, z ktorých 98 percent pochádza zo Slovenska. V novembri sa



**Predseda vlády SR Peter Pellegrini a hlavný výskumný riaditeľ Jaguaru Ralf Speth počas otvorenia nového závodu. - Zdroj: TASR**

začne druhá náborová vlna, v rámci ktorej spoločnosť plánuje vytvoriť 850 pracovných miest.

Výrobní pracovníci absolvujú dvanaštyždňový školiaci program v Tréningovej akadémii, do výstavby ktorej spoločnosť investovala 7,5 milióna eur.

Podľa odhadov vznikne na Slovensku aj ďalších 22.000 nepriamych pracovných miest v subdodávateľských firmách a obslužných činnostiach.

## KRÁTKE SPRÁVY ZO SLOVENSKA



V okolí Bratislavy v najbližších rokoch vyrastie takmer 60 kilometrov autostrád, štrnásť križovatiek, stodvadsať dva mostov a aj nový trojkilometrový most cez Dunaj. To všetko postaví konzorcium na čelo so španielskou spoločnosťou Citra.

Jeseň priniesla na slovenskom realitnom trhu menšie prekvapenie. Ceny nehnuteľností prestali prudko rásť a viacmenej sa stabilizovali. V niektorých krajských mestách priemerné ceny oproti druhému štvrtroku rástli oveľa pomalšie ako predtým, približne len o dvetisíc eur. V iných za posledné mesiace dokonca klesli. Napríklad v Trenčíne stál trojizbový byt v lete priemerne 83-tisíc eur a na jeseň už o štyritisíc menej, vyplýva z dát portálu nehnuteľnosti.sk.

Odborári sa dohodli s vedením automobilky Jaguar Land Rover na zvýšení plátov pre zamestnancov nového závodu v Nitre. Kolektívne vyjednávanie trvalo niekoľko mesiacov. Najnižšiu mzdu navýšili takmer o sto eur. Podľa predsedu Moderných odborov Aios Jaguar Land Rover Slovensko Petra Mrázika ide o najväčšie jednorazové navýšenie plátov v automobilovom priemysle na Slovensku. Kolektívnu zmluvu s platnosťou do 31. decembra 2019 podpísali odbory s vedením Jaguar Land Rover Slovensko 13. októbra. Priemerná mzda výrobných pracovníkov v automobilke, ktorá sa začínala na úrovni 900 eur, sa mení na sumu od 997 eur – 1 744 eur.

Minister obrany SR Peter Gajdoš 26. októbra na pôde rezortu obrany prijal osobitného predstaviteľa generálneho tajomníka OSN pre Irak a vedúceho asistenčnej misie OSN v Iraku Jána Kubiša. Hlavnou témou stretnutia bolo zhodnotenie pôsobenia Ozbroyených síl SR v iniciatíve NATO pre výcvik a budovanie kapacít bezpečnostných síl Irackej republiky a plánované zapojenie Slovenskej republiky do novovytvorenej nebojovej výcvikovej misie NATO – Irak v úvode budúceho roka, ktoré schválila Bezpečnostná rada a vláda.

## RECEPTY ZO SLADKÝCH ZEMIAKOV

Sladké s dajú pripraviť na slano aj na sladko. Sú veľmi zdravé, majú nízky glykemický index, znižujú krvný tlak, vďaka prírodným cukrom sú ideálne na redukciu váhy, predstavujú zdroj energie vďaka obsahu vlákniny a sacharidov, pozitívne ovplyvňujú zrak, posilňujú imunitu, sú zdrojom viacerých významných antioxidantov, vitamínu C, E, betakaroténu.



### SLADKÝ ZEMIAK S DUSENÝMI ŠAMPIŇÓNMI

1 ks sladký zemiak, čerstvé bylinky, soľ, olej, čerstvé šampiňóny, cibuľa, cesnak, rascas, soľ, petržlenová vňať

Sladký zemiak myjeme, popicháme vidličkou na viacerých miestach, posypeme soľou, pridáme bylinky - tymián, petržlenová vňať a pod. Pokvapkáme olejom a dáme piecť na 390°F asi na 45-50 minút. Upečený zemiak prekrájame po dĺžke a dáme zapecť ešte na 10 minút.

Na oleji speníme cibuľu, pridáme cesnak a nakrájané šampiňóny, chvíľu oprážame, potom chvíľu dusíme, osolíme, okoreníme a na záver pridáme petržlenovú vňať. Upečený zemiak podávame s dusenými šampiňónmi a podávame s opečeným alebo ugrilovaným mäsom.

### POLIEVKA ZO SLADKÝCH ZEMIAKOV

250 g sladké zemiaky, 250 g zemiaky, 1 cibuľa, 30 g maslo, štipka mletej rasce, soľ, mleté čierne korenie, 800 ml zeleninového vývaru, 1 stonka tymianu

Na roztopenom masle speníme nadrobno nakrájanú cibuľu. Pridáme očistené a na kocky nakrájané aj sladké aj normálne zemiaky. Dochutíme ich soľou, korením, rascou a trochu opečieme. Zalejeme teplým vývarom a prikryté na miernom ohni varíme domäkka. Potom pridáme lístky tymiánu a polievku ešte varíme 5 minút. Rozmixujeme ju a ešte chvíľu prehrejeme.



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