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"A Past To Honor, A Future To Mold"

In 1865 the U.S. was engaged in a bitter Civil War trying to keep its 36 states together. During this war the first American Sokol Unit was organized and founded in the city of St. Louis, Mo., where 7,000 Czechs settled. Three years previous, 1862, Dr. Miroslav Tyrs founded and organized the idea and philosophy of Sokol. Rapidly it spread like wildfire to parts of Europe and U.S.

The Sokol Movement in Bohemia and in the Austrian Empire had its objective to prepare for the liberation of the Czech nation and its sister Slovanic peoples. It inspired the Sokols in the U.S. in joining the Union Army to preserve the principle of a democratic way of life and embark on a program to reconstruct and develop the U.S.

When the U.S. celebrated its Centennial in 1876, there were already 10 Sokol Units organized. 1865 — Sokol St. Louis; 1866 — T. J. Sokol, Chicago; 1867 — Sokol New York City; 1868 — Sokol Cesko-Americky, Chicago; 1869 — Sokol Svornost, Morrisania, N.Y.; 1870 — Sokol Cleveland; 1872 — Sokol Blesk, Baltimore; 1873 — Sokol Cedar Rapids; 1874 — Sokol Cech, Omaha; 1874 — Sokol Detroit.

In 1878 an American national body of Sokols was organized under the name of National Union of Sokols (Národní Jednota Sokola). They adopted the blue uniform of the U.S. They became known as the "Blue Sokols". In 1897 another body of Sokols was formed and they adopted the uniform of the Sokol in Bohemia. They became known as the "Sokols in Red".

Eventually these two bodies merged and formed what is known today as the American Sokol Organization. This was in 1917. The first ASO Slet was in 1921 and held in Chicago's Coliseum. The second Slet, 1925, was held at the new stadium on the Chicago lakefront, now known as Soldier's Field. There on Soldier's Field were held the great and noted Slets of the 30's and 40's.

This year is the XIII ASO Slet. This Slet is using the logos — the motto of the Bicentennial of the United States. For 108 years we have continued the teaching of Sokols. Sokol has proved its worth and valuable contribution to the United States. We give to our nation — our concern for a healthy and physical fitness — mentally, morally and spiritually.

This is indeed! "OUR PAST TO HONOR AND OUR FUTURE TO MOLD."

ERNEST PIRKA,
Sokol Brookfield, Illinois



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Calendar of Events

MAY 5th — SOKOL WEST SUBURBAN, DOWN-
ERS GROVE, ILL.
Annual Exhibition — 7:00 P.M. — Herrick Jr.
High School — Grant & Middough — Downers
Grove.
MAY 5th — SOKOL RACINE, WIS.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 5-6th — SOKOL KAREL HAVLICEK-BO-
ROVSKY, ENNIS, TEXAS.
Polka Festival.
MAY 6th — SOKOL FUEGNER, LONG ISLAND
CITY, N.Y.
Gymnastic Exhibition.

MAY 6th — SOKOL OMAHA, NEBR.
Pork Dinner & Spring Festival — Crowning of
Omaha Czech Queen.
MAY 10th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Vlasta — Chicken Dinner
MAY 12th — SOKOL KAREL HAVLICEK-BO-
ROVSKY, ENNIS, TEXAS.
Dance — Johnny Mensik's Music.
MAY 13th—SOKOL TYRS, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
Pancake Breakfast at Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Hav-
licek.
MAY 19th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
105th Anniversary Banquet — Milwaukee Inn.
MAY 20th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
MAY 31st—SOKOL HAVLICEK-TYRS, CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS.
Smorgasbord.
JUNE 3rd — NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT SLET.
A.M.L.A. Slovenian Recreation Center — Leroy
Township.
JUNE 8-10th — HOUSTON, TEXAS.
Southern District Slet.
JUNE 9th — SOKOL KAREL HAVLICEK-BO-
ROVSKY, ENNIS, TEXAS.
Dance — Jodie Mikula's Music.
JUNE 10th — SOKOL MILWAUKEE, WIS.
Gymnastic Exhibition.
JUNE 10th — SOKOL SOUTH OMAHA, NEBR.
Czech Festival.
JUNE 17th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Summer Slet.
JUNE 21-24th — A.S.O. NATIONAL SLET DAYS.
CHICAGO, ILL.
SEPT. 2nd — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Camp Hullabaloo — Imperial, Mo.
SEPT. 9th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Grape Festival — Sokol Camp.
OCT. 6th — SOKOL STICKNEY, ILL.
Farmer's Dance.
OCT. 11th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Vlasta — Chicken Dinner.
OCT. 20th — SOKOL BELCAMP, MD.
Grape Harvest Dance.
OCT. 27th — SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Camp Committee Halloween Party.
NOV. 8th—SOKOL ST. LOUIS, MO.
Vlasta — Chicken Dinner.
NOV. 11th — SOKOL DETROIT, MICH.
Czechoslovak Afternoon Dinner Party.

Correction

Inadvertently the incorrect date appeared in the cover story "Slet Reflections" in the March issue of the American Sokol publication. It should have read thus: "The Czech National Sokol Union of America, the distinguished predecessor of the American Sokol Organization, was founded August 15, 1878." Our apologies.

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XIII. A.S.O. SLET MEETING

February 28, 1973

The fourth meeting of the Slet Committee was presided by Bro. Stanley Barcal, chairman, with 38 members in attendance. Bro. Barcal announced a new recording secretary has been selected, Sis. Helen Prener.

Finance, Bro. George Basta: Committee held meeting, Feb. 28th. A decision reached to use separate colored tickets for the Slet. Tickets to be printed for 32 boxes (6 seats each) and a total of 11,000 for the other various sections. Tickets are to be serially numbered. Cost of entire block of tickets, \$345.00. For better control of tickets, receipts in duplicate will be used.

Banquet, Sis. Josephine Drnec: Following meeting of the committee it was decided in order to avoid an overtime charge we would be allowed to remain in the banquet hall about 5 hours. The adjusted schedule: Cocktails, 6:30 to 7:00; Dinner, 7:00 to 8:00; Program, 8:00 to 9:00; Dancing, 9:00 to 11:30. Bar to close at 11:30, and Out at midnight. Discussion was held. It was decided to stay with the original figure of \$12.50 per person. It was suggested if the cost of overtime was not too prohibitive that the original hours be held. It will be looked into. Senator R. Hruska was extended an invitation, but at yet has not been heard.

Seals: Sis. Betty Prener: Black & white drawing of twin seals displayed. Red & white drawings already out for quotations. 15,000 sheets of seals will be printed. Expect the seals to be in the mails at end of March. Committee is authorized to accept or reject quotations.

Program Book, Bro. George Herink: Introduced Bro. Joseph Sotka who is responsible for layout of book and cover. Praised Sis. June Pros on her efforts on behalf of the committee. Xerox copies of all ads will be kept on file. Letters sent all Units and Districts on prices. Deadline for ads May 1st.

Display, Bro. Ernest Pirka: Letters to be sent all Educational Directors. Preparing a complete history on Sokol uniforms. Asking help in obtaining the same. Also, categorizing all program books,

posters, seals and any other material advertising our Slets. Suggests displays in shops and places of business. Was advised the Czech group will again hold exhibit at Lincoln Federal. Suggests Sokol be included in exhibit. Any articles received for exhibit will be received in triplicate. Will be returned within 30 days after the Slet.

Housing, Bro. George Vytlačil: Hotel/motel listing complete. Will be sent along with map of facilities to all Unit Directors and Secretaries and guest organizations. 167 letters sent.

B.O.I., Sis. EllenJeanne Schnabl: All calisthenics are out, with minor corrections to be mailed. No changes in scheduling.

Management, Bro. Frank Hokr: Nothing to add in regard to Morton West High School at this time. Sokol Tabor will serve as Hospitality House. Manpower for Victory Dance and Slet to be arranged by the committee. Sokol Stickney will man booths at Slet.

Souvenirs, Bro. Edward Schnabl: Letters sent novelty houses and breweries for sales promotional materials they offer. Suggested all previous souvenirs be scrapped, except sweat shirts. A co-chairman will be needed to handle the sales as the Slet rears, as Bro. Schnabl will be very involved with the BOI at that time.

Other Reports: Bro. Pirka stated the May & June issues of the Czech School Society publication (Svobodna Skola) will be devoted to the Sokol movement and Czech Schools. — Bro. Lebloch stated several people contacted re; poster and bumper sticker designs. — Sis. Pros announced publicity flyers will be available to all Units for their exhibitions. Local business people will be contacted for permission to display Sokol material. — No decision made whether movies or slides be taken of the Slet. Will be determined next meeting, March 28th. — Letters sent for trophy contributions. — Pictures of the Executive Board and Slet Committee will be taken.

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE A.S.O.

March 27, 1973

Pres., Bro. Stanley Barcal presided. Present: Bros. R. Svoboda, G. Basta, E. Linhart, J. Janecka, G. Herink, J. Rabas, E. Schnabl. Sisters B. Prener, J. Pros, A. Sotka, E.J. Schnabl, A. Basta, L. Zdenek, A. Falta.

Correspondence: New Directors at Sokol San Francisco are Bro. Al Meier and Sis. Mary Meier. — Request for breakdown of 1972 Traveling Instructors Fund for Western District. — Printer contacted re; Sokol Idea booklet. — Per invitation, Sis.

Zdenek will represent ASO at Southern District Slet in Houston. — Invitation and request for ad for the Polish Falcons 45th Convention Banquet. Agreed, to purchase ½-page ad. — Dean of Indiana Central College requesting listing of Czechoslovakian programs and restaurants for his history class. Will be answered.

Director of Men, Bro. Linhart: Will attend Western District Clinic, April 28-29th, and Northeastern District Workshop, May 5-6th. — Tentative change in Slet activities; Jr. Boys volley-ball, Friday, June 22nd, at 8:00 a.m. and Men's at 1:00 p.m. Also, suggested Unit Special Number Competition Friday evening at Sokol Tabor. — Invitation from Sokol Toronto to their Slet, June 30 — July 1, 1973.

Director of Women, Sis. Schnabl: Calisthenics corrections mailed. — Met with Bro. Walko re; apparatus and calisthenics. — Submitted corrected Merit Award application, ready for printing. — Asked by Northeastern District to conduct a Sokol Tournament Rules — Judging Clinic, April 28-29th. — Swimming competitions added to Slet activities. — Received Sis. Ruzicka's Slet Special Number. Will be gone over. — Bro. Kala's Slet Folk Dance number is written, will be ready soon.

Publicity, Bro. Rabas, Sis. Basta: Articles appearing in various newspapers, fine cooperation from the Hlasatel. Small ad now appearing daily in that paper. Radio and TV will be contacted.

Membership, Bro. Svoboda: Final decision on awards at next meeting.

Uniforms, Sis. Prener: Sales very good due to number of recent exhibitions.

Financial Sec'y., Sis. Sotka: Transferred \$2,500. to the XIII Slet account. — Reordered 25, 40 and 50-yr. membership pins. Receiving many requests for same. — Feb. report prepared. Taxes deposited.

Treasurer, Bro. Basta: Recommended re-investment of some accounts, to gain greater interest.

Secretary, Sis. Pros: 1973 Roster assembled for March issue. Sorry some Units did not respond with their officers listing.

Slet Seal, Sis. Prener: Requested article and picture of Seal appear in the next issue of the Sokol publication. Also requested the Board purchase a Box at the Slet for those who had given much of their time and talent, approved.

Auditing, Sis. Falta: Along with Bro. Berousek and Sisters Fara and Domansky found all books in order.

District Presidents — Executive Board Conference

January 20, 1973

(Continued from last month)

Looking to the Future: Bro. Pavoucek stated the ASO Board should stress the need in looking to the future. Will facilities be adequate? Bro. Pekar also emphasized the importance of working together and planning ahead. Now is the time to move! Bro. Barcal in attending the District Directors Conference marked on the enthusiasm shown. All Directors have at least one drawback, inactive Units. There must be some means to unite

these Units. All our people are sincere but it appears many do not have the foresight to look ahead. Perhaps a committee could be set up of our inactive Units to visit some of the Units who have overcome the problems encountered in making the moves in modernizing. Bro. Jirousek stated our future lies with our children's classes and educating them in Sokol. The Turners are not existing due to their disinterest in their youngsters.

Board of Instructors, Bro. Linhart, Sis. Schnabl: National level of Sokol activities has increased in the past 2½ yrs. Instructors have traveled to other Districts when called upon, assisting in conducting clinics and technical meetings. The ASO is affiliated with the AAU, USGF, USOC with accredited delegates. Working along with Sokol USA, D. A. Sokol, Sokol Orel and Sokols Abroad. Membership in children's classes is high; Jr. boys relatively small and Men's classes slightly increased. Initiated Gymnastic Skills Program. Merit Awards are being granted. Outstanding events were the Toronto Slet, District Schools and the Vienna Slet. Significant was the successful District Directors Conference, Nov. 1972. Last months have been spent in preparing for the XIII Slet. The National School, following the Slet, will be held on the campus of North Central College, Naperville, Ill.

B.O.I. Recommendations approved: Unit and District Director be made aware of applications for renewal of Merit Award and be given opportunity to endorse same. — Copies of letter of rejection be sent District Directors as they are for approval, also all letters be sent ASO Sec'y. Not to Merit Award Committee. — Required, a transcript of grades at close of the 2nd yr., same as the 1st yr. — Applications accepted of students planning course in 4-yr. college and ALSO 2-yr. accredited Junior College. — \$200. per year to one student per District less than 1,500 members. One additional student per District with more than 1,500 members. Unit Director before approving application must ascertain if member is in good Sokol standing.

XIII Slet, Bro. Barcal: Listed the Slet Chairmen. Explained request to the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee to incorporate our Slet into their celebration. — The Cross Country 5-mile run by the Czechoslovak Sportsmen, Chicago Chapter, will be part of our Slet. The Sportsmen will provide 2 Olympic runners at their expense. The publicity should be good. — Bro. Basta gave financial comparison of the 1965, 1969 Slets. Money-makers are the ad book, seals, banquet and Victory dance. Main Slet carries largest burden of the expenses. — Bro. Herink explained format of the Program Book, stating time is of greatest importance, the deadline for all material being, May 1, 1973. — Bro. Zraly asked possibility of arranging for buses for those coming to the Slet by plane. This will be followed through with announcement of prices.

Membership, Bro. Svoboda: The ASO agreed to stage a Membership Drive as the ASO membership, 1955-1970, was virtually at a stand-still. First letters sent the Units were ignored. The second

letter had 14 replies. Since then some Units have responded quite well in obtaining new members, while others have been most disappointing. The Drive will terminate, March 31, 1973. Awards will be presented at the Slet Banquet. This committee is vital to our organization and it is strongly recommended for the 1975 Convention to have the Chairman of this Committee as a member of the ASO Executive Board.

Public Relations, Sis. Basta: Great advantage in using various news media — T.V., Unit newsletters, local newspapers and radio, Czech newspapers, fraternal bulletins, etc. Parades with Sokol floats are a great means of advertising. Sokol should participate in more civic events.

By-Laws, Bro. Zraly: No requests for any changes or amendments. Reminded any recommendations be received 90 days prior to the Convention, not the last day.

Publication, Bro. Herink: Sorry for lateness in receiving American Sokol publication. The ASO Board is well aware of the problems encountered. At times the Post Office being at fault. Would appreciate receiving District Reports much earlier, many a time arriving quite late and the news outdated. The same applies for announcements for the Calendar of Events; far too late for publication and delivery.

Treasurer, Bro. Basta: Displayed comparison report for 1970-71-72 and budget. Informed end of the bequest in Bro. Albert P. Kalabza's Will (member of Sokol Fuegner, Long Island, N.Y.) of \$10,000 to the ASO.

Organization, Sis. Ruzicka: Apologized for being lax. Stressed the importance of incorporating this vital organizational work in all areas. We must not only think of our gymnasts, but also non-gym members. For those Units thinking of re-locating, some members will have to be over-ruled for the betterment of the majority; if a move is what is needed this should be done. New Units should be organized where Czechoslovak communities are established. We must be able to stay and work with the officers of the prospective Units lest they lose interest and fail. We must have leadership.

Uniforms, Sis. Prener: The ASO Board was requested to take over this project since the means of supply were very poor. That is how this department began. Our sales are good and we hope deliveries are satisfactory. Stressed is the importance of customers paying all items due, including shipping charges, regardless of amount. We supply many items for Sokol USA, D.A. Sokol, and the Polish Falcons.

Tours, Sis. Prener: Tours can be measured several ways, financially, or just morally successful. The Vienna Tour was a success due to the opportunity it gave, especially to the young people. The Baltimore Tour gave opportunity to visit and help Sokol Baltimore on its 100th Anniversary. Also there was a gain in members because of the tours.

New Business: Tapes are being processed for all Slet Beseda Dancers. They will be sent all interested Units. — It was agreed Sokol Detroit will host the 1975 Convention beginning Monday, July 14, 1975, thereby allowing Sokol Detroit hold its Exhibition the previous day. — Sokol USA Slet will be held June 29, 1975 at Binghamton, N.Y. As

result this eliminates our Mid-Slet. — Discussion ensued re; Traveling Instructors. — Agreed all delegates to the 1975 Convention be assigned to their committees prior to the Convention. — Bro. Prevratil stated of the Federal Tax difficulty encountered in Texas, of 5 Units not one is a Non-Profit Organization under the same ruling — form 501C. ASO will check with attorney.

DISTRICT REPORTS

Southern District Annual Meeting

February 4, 1973

Meeting opened with Pres., George Prevratil dedicating it in honor of those members who had passed away. District officers present: Vice-Presidents Bro. Charles Petrzelka, Houston and Don Steinman, Fort Worth; Sec'y., Sis. Vlasta Laznovsky, Ennis; Educational Director, Bro. Oldrich Parma, Dallas; Public Relations, Bro. Jerry Milan, Fort Worth; Director of Women, Sis. Sylvia Laznovsky, Ennis; Director of Men, Bro. Larry Laznovsky, Ennis.

Delegates: Sokol Corpus Christi — Bros. Pat Hudson, Jerry Sijansky; Sokol Zizka — Bros. Miro Jurcik, Oldrich Parma, H. B. Smith; Sokol Karel Havlicek-Borovsky — Bros. Harrell Hamilton, Charles Jurcik, Frank Laznovsky; Sisters Bernice Hamilton, Anastazie Jurcik, Mary Laznovsky; Sokol Fort Worth — Bro. John Stoeppelman; Sokol Houston — Bros. Edwin Kurokata, Jack Lang; Sokol Karel Havlicek, Yukon, Oklahoma — Bro. Roy Smith, Sis. Anna Smrcek. — Sokol Praha, Oklahoma — Does not respond to correspondence.

Report of District officers: In addition to their regular duties, Pres. Bro. Prevratil attended 1st Anniversary and grand opening Pool ceremonies at Sokol Ennis. — Several special meetings at Sokol Houston. — 3 meetings at Sokol Yukon in reviving the Unit. — Attendance at District Slet, Czech Day at Fair, Presidents Conference in Chicago; Vice-Pres., Bro. Petrzelka represented District at SPJST Convention at Houston; Vice-Pres. Steinman attended several volleyball tournaments, Slet, Czech Day, Educational Directors meeting; Educational Director, Bro. Parma presided at Educational Directors meetings. — Mailed material to Unit Directors and ASO; Sec'y., Sis. Laznovsky attended meetings in Houston, Yukon, Ennis and Slet; Public Relations, Bro. Milan attended Coach's Congress, 3 Olympic meetings, Olympic Games in Munich, Vienna Slet, Texas Gymnastic Association Convention, Certified Judges Clinic, Slet, meetings at Dallas, Yukon.

Director of Men, Bro. Laznovsky attended Anniversary and Pool ceremonies at Ennis, meetings at Yukon, Houston, Dallas. Taught Slet material at Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, Dallas. Conducted Slet. — Attended Czech Day, Directors Conference in Chicago, Clinic in Norman, Oklahoma.

Director of Women, Sis. Laznovsky attended meetings at Dallas, Fort Worth, Yukon, Houston. Taught Slet material at all Units. — Represented ASO at Vienna Slet. — Participated at

Texas Folklife Festival at San Antonio, Czech Day, Clinic in Norman, Directors Conference in Chicago.

Reports of Units: All Units very active. Sokol Yukon delegates gave gymnastic report, expressing appreciation to the District in assisting in reactivating Unit. Confident activity will continue. Commend Sis. Fletcher for her efforts. District total membership, both regular and associate, 1385.

Directors of Men & Women, Bro. & Sis. Laznovsky: Reported on annual BOI meeting, Oct. 1972, covered the District and ASO Slets, financial assistance to gymnasts, District's special number, traveling fund, uniforms, tournament rules, courses, gymnastic skills, Merit Award, volleyball. — Remarked on District Slet, Texas Folklife Festival, Czech Day at Fair, gym classes at Sokol Yukon and 1972 Instructors Course.

B.O.I. Recommendations approved: Financial assistance for gymnasts attending ASO Slet. Sum of \$1,800 allocated. — That a District Course of some type be held. — Continued affiliation with AAU and Gymnastic Ass'n. of Texas. — Allocated \$250. for Gym & Judging Clinics. — Each approved Instructor receive \$100. attending any gym Clinic. — Allocated \$100. for special number expenses. — Continued subscription of gymnastic literature for each Unit.

Educational Director, Bro. Parma: Program will continue. More meetings will be called. New members need be better acquainted with Sokol Organization.

President, Bro. Prevratil: Reviewed agenda and commented on District Presidents Conference in Chicago.

Auditing Committee: Books in order with few minor changes.

General Discussions: District Slet, Sokol Houston host, June 8-10th. Souvenir book will be issued. ASO representative will be requested to attend Slet. — Committee was appointed to set up guide lines for Units hosting Slet. — Approved an additional copy of 1967 Mid-Slet film be made. — Bro. Parma praised for outstanding work as Educational Director.

Northeastern District Annual Meeting

January 14, 1973

Pres., Bro. Emil Pekar presided with 45 members present.

President, Bro. Pekar: Represented the District throughout the year. — The change of site for the Summer Slet to LeRoy Township stimulated much enthusiasm. — Stated Bro. Ralph Perk, Mayor of Cleveland, was proud that the Sokols have been participating in all Ethnic functions. — Bro. Pekar feels the Sokols in Cleveland are stagnant, should be looking forward. Facilities are at a low ebb. — Fortunate in having such a qualified BOI. — Cleveland Sokols participated in the Captive Nations, St. Wenceslaus and Thanksgiving Day parades.

Vice-Presidents, Bros. Ralph Gruber, Joseph Kovar, Robert Jirousek: Represented the District whenever called upon.

Treasurer, Bro. John Galik: Gave detailed report on income and disbursements. As of Dec.

31, 1972 — Savings Account, \$5,756.86. — Checking Account, \$389.52.

Secretary, Bro. Henry Nemecek was absent.

Membership: (Not including 4th quarter.) Sokol Detroit Men, 167; Sokol Detroit Women, 213; Sokol Rip, 19; Sokol Moravan, 33; Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek, 185; Sokol Tyrs, 293; Sokol Nova Vlast, 185. Total loss of 40 members during 1972.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokol Detroit, Bro. Hurych: Slight decline in membership. — Unit active in all Ethnic Festivals in Detroit. — Improvements being planned for the building and the Camp.

Sokolice Detroit, Sis. Zboril: Gave very comprehensive report; Gymnastic, Czech dinner, Rummage sale, Card & Bunco Party, Pancake breakfast, Summer Exhibition, Course, Festivals, Hay ride, Weekly Game Nights, New Year's Eve Party, News-letter is self-supported.

Sokol Cleveland-Cech-Havlicek, Bro. Gruber: Several fund-raising projects during year; Card Party, Dinners, Christmas gift sale, cookie sale. Furnace, plumbing, parking lot were maintained.

Sokol Nova Vlast, Bro. Kocian: Unit participated in all District BOI functions throughout the year. — Slovak Sokols were invited to join the classes since their hall was sold.

Sokol Tyrs, Bro. Franks: Unit fortunate in having instructors with Physical Education Degrees. — BOI very active. — Sokol Float entered in parade on Thanksgiving Day. — One fund-raising project, the Annual Picnic, Very profitable. Volleyball tournament added to the interest. — News-letter editor is Sis. Lil Franks. — Sewing Club very active. — Junior Hobby Club very energetic, working on car-washes, Pancake breakfasts, tobogganing and skiing. — Concert Band meets monthly. Plays many concerts, for exhibitions and parades. — Bro. John Kiml was presented a plaque for being an active gymnast for 60 yrs.

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Public Relations, Sos. Khol: Cleveland Press Nationality Editor has given Sokols great publicity. — Bro. Zahradnicek has had outstanding publicity in the Novy Svet, Czech publication.

Director of Men, Bro. Dusek: Various Clinics and Workshops held during year. — District Social, March 31st. Profits for expenses of the Board. In conjunction, a Clinic will be held, with a guest instructor from Chicago. — District Slet, June 3rd. — 15 gymnasts took part in the Inaugural Parade. — Check for \$583, received from ASO. Refund for Sokol Detroit, \$523., N.E. District, \$60.

Director of Women, Sis. Wagner: Gave comprehensive report of Women's activities. — Pledged support of the Cotillion Ball, a charitable Deb Ball for girls 17 to 20. Three tables have been reserved for this event. A \$25. ad placed in Program book. District President and wife will represent the District.

Auditing Committee, Bro. Voris: Accounts all found in order.

Old Business: Letters sent various radio stations for the wonderful publicity given to Czechs and Slovaks.

New Business: Approved, to send Bro. & Sis. Jirousek and Bro. & Sis. Pekar to Presidents Conference in Chicago. — Next annual meeting to be

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MERIT AWARD - 1973

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and the Board of Instructors, the delegates at the XI American Sokol Organization Convention, held in Cleveland in June, 1970, and the A.S.O. District Directors Conference, held in Chicago in November, 1972, approved Merit Awards to be paid from the Sokol Future Leaders Fund.

The Merit Award Committee is accepting applications of students who are planning a course or program in an accredited two-year or four-year college. Although physical education will not be a criteria, more consideration will be given to those who are training in the physical education field.

The amount to be awarded is to be \$200.00 per year to one student per district which has under 1,500 members and one additional student per district which has over 1,500 members. This award is renewable for a second year. In order to qualify for the second year, applicant must maintain a "C" average or better. Second year allocation is NOT automatic; applicant must file letter of intent to reapply for a second year. This letter is to be signed by the Unit and District Directors, designating approval or disapproval. The letter of intent, the original application and the transcript of grades will be reviewed. The final selection is to be made by the Merit Award Committee, approved by the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors and the American Sokol Organization Executive Board. When a renewal is granted, a transcript of grades after the second year must be submitted to the American Sokol Merit Award Committee. A "C" average or better must have been maintained during the second year. Failure to submit such a transcript will result in a request for repayment of the award.

The following points will be considered by the Merit Award Committee in selecting the candidates:

1. Should have attended Sokol classes regularly for at least three years immediately prior to this application. Juniors may be included but must become adult members — girls at age 17 and boys at age 18.
2. Must have attended and successfully completed one Sokol District or American Sokol Organization Instructors' School.
3. Must have taught or assisted in Sokol gym classes.
4. Recommendation of high school Physical Education teacher.
5. Recommendation of Physical Director of Sokol Unit.
6. Recommendation of District Physical Directors.
7. Approval of District President.

In the course for which the Merit Award was granted is completed, there is no obligation to repay the amount of the Merit Award. However, the recipient of the Merit Award and one member of his family shall be requested to sign a statement promising to repay the Merit Award in full, should the student fail to complete the course for which the Merit Award was granted.

The student agrees that he or she will not engage in any campus disorders or violent demonstrations and that he or she has no subversive connections or leanings. Any infractions of these understandings will be cause for complete revocation of the Merit Award and immediate repayment made.

Merit Awards will be made in September of each year. If the quota for the District is not filled, a review of all Merit Award applications, not previously approved, will be made and any restrictions imposed may be removed for that year.

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER
THAN AUGUST 1st, 1973**

(APPLICATION FOR MERIT AWARD ON OTHER PAGE)

MERIT AWARD COMMITTEE

George Kalas, Chairman

EllenJeanne Schnabl — Edward Linhart — Edward Schnabl — Lorraine Zdenek

UNIT DIRECTORS — PLEASE POST ON BULLETIN BOARD

PAUL E. FINA — Elevated to Gymnastic Hall of Fame



Br. Paul E. Fina, present member of the American Sokol B.O.I., has been honored as a past champion gymnast and noteworthy contributor to gymnastics, by being elected to the Gymnastic Hall of Fame. Presentation of the Gymnastic Hall of Fame awards was made at the University of Oregon in April in conjunction with the N.C.A.A. Gymnastic Championships. — also honored at this presentation was Dr. Hubert Dunn, Associate Professor of Physical Education of Northern Illinois University and Dr. Eric Hughes, Gymnastic coach at the University of Washington.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAUL FINA'S GYMNASTIC CAREER

20 Competitive years, 1935-1955 —
East Technical High School, Cleveland, Ohio
University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois
American Sokol Organization, Chicago, Illinois

Sokol Gymnasts!

- ATTEND YOUR CLASSES
REGULARLY
- PARTICIPATE IN YOUR
UNIT EXHIBITION
- ENGAGE IN YOUR DISTRICT'S
COMPETITIONS

MAKE PLANS TO COME TO
CHICAGOLAND AND COMPETE IN
XIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET.

June 21-24, 1973

Competitive Record:

1935-36 Ohio State All Around Champion
Big Ten Champion, 1939, Horizontal Bar, Parallel Bars, and All Around

N.C.A.A. All Around Champion, 1940 (tie)
Olympic Honorary Team, 1940

Illinois All Around and Individual Champion
several events and several times during 1939-1955

National A.A.U. Floor Exercise Champion, 1946
National A.A.U. Runner up on Horizontal Bar
and Parallel Bars, 1946.

U.S.A. International Team vs. Czechoslovakia
1947 (1st place American Team)

Administrative Record:

Founder of the Midwest Gymnastic Association
Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the
1959 Pan American Games

One of the original organizers of the U.S.G.F.
Chairman of Illinois State (Central A.A.U.)
Men's Gymnastic Committee 1957 — current
Boy's Gymnastics

Olympic Committee for 1968 and 1972 Games
International Judge 1955 Pan American Games.
(Mexico City)

International Judges Rating — current
Chairman — National Summer Gymnastics
Clinic (Michigan State University) current
U.S.G.F. Council — current
Member of Board of Instructors, American
Sokol Organization.

Merit Award for 1972-73



DAGMAR HINTNAUS

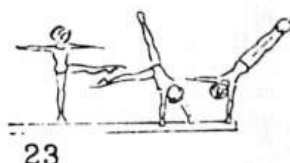
Sokol Los Angeles — Pacific District

Dismounts From Balance Beam

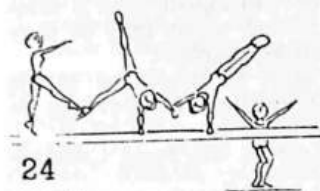
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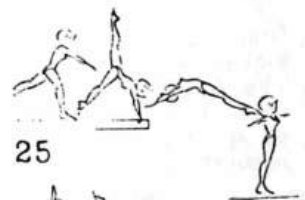
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24. From a cross stand middle of beam — arch-tumble sideward — (cartwheel) off to side of beam.
25. From a cross stand at end of beam — arch-tumble forward — (handspring).
26. From a cross stand, middle of beam — arch-tumble forward (handspring) to side of beam.
27. From a parallel stand, middle of beam — arch-tumble forward (handspring).
28. From a cross stand at end of beam — arch-tumble sideward without hands (aerial cartwheel).
29. From cross stand at end of beam — arch-tumble forward without hands (aerial walkover).
30. From a parallel stand, middle of beam — fold-tumble forward (front somersault).
31. From a parallel stand, middle of beam — fold-tumble rearward (back somersault).
32. From a cross stand, middle of beam — arch-tumble rearward (back handspring) to momentary handstand on beam — rearleg vault off to side of beam.
33. From a cross stand, end of beam, facing rearward — archtumble backward (back somersault) to stand on floor.



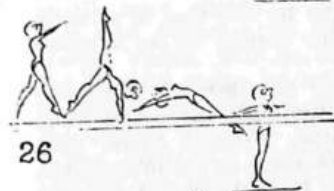
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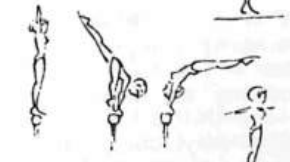
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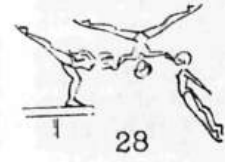
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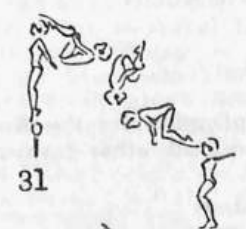
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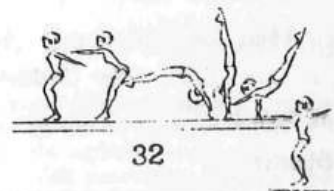
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XIII AMERICAN SOKOL SLET

Rules For Special Number Competition

UNIT or LODGE LEVEL

1. Not less than 6 people may be in the drill.
 - 1st Division: May be any combination of Junior Girls, Junior Boys, Women, Men
 - 2nd Division: May be any combination of 1st Class Girls, 2nd Class Girls, 1st Class Boys, 2nd Class Boys.

NOTE. No one may participate in both divisions, he or she must be in the proper division. No one may participate in more than one number.
 2. A Unit may submit only one number per division.
 3. No Beseda or square dancing allowed.
 4. The special number must be composed to music. The group leader must furnish his or her tape to be played.
 5. Length of time shall be: No longer than 5 minutes, plus entry and retreat which may or may not be part of the whole number.
 6. All special numbers must be presented in the Slet Akademie or Gymnastical in order to be eligible for an award.
 7. All participants must be in the Mass Calisthenics of the Slet.
 8. The special number may be one that is already composed, but preferably should be an original composition.
 9. The special number may be made up using different types of apparatus such as: metal ring, platform, ladders, horse, parallel bars, etc., and/or hand apparatus such as handkerchiefs, balls, Indian clubs, etc. It could include marching and/or dancing, and/or calisthenics.
 10. At least 6 judges will be required, one from each District, as decided upon by the Directors of the American Sokol Organization Board of Instructors. Each District must submit names of qualified judges.
 11. Judging will be graded on a basis of 50 points. Highest and lowest judges' scores will be omitted and all middle scores added for a total score.
 12. Teams will be graded on: A.) Difficulty of movements, B) form of individuals, C) coordination as a group, D) timing with music, E) interpretation of the music, F) variety and preciseness of patterns, G) continuity in the composition. Six points each will be allotted for the above A thru G, plus an additional eight points for General Impression.
 13. Points will be deducted for: A) obvious mistakes, B) lack of originality, C) monotony — predominance of certain move(s), D) lifeless performance.
 14. A minimum of five Units within 3 Districts must present entries in order for a competition to be held. In the eventuality that there are less than the minimum requirements, there will not be a competition.
 15. Deadline for entries shall be 30 days prior to the Slet.
 16. At least one award will be presented in each division each Slet that a Special Number Competition for Units is held; maximum number of awards being left to the discretion of the committee in charge. In case of ties, duplicate awards shall be given.
 17. A number previously used in special number competition in an American Sokol Organization Slet cannot be repeated. Calisthenic numbers from any previous American Sokol Organization Slet cannot be used.
 18. The American Sokol Organization will designate on its entry forms exactly what amount of space may be utilized by the Unit special number.
- This competition is separate from the regular gymnastic competitions. Failure to follow these rules will automatically disqualify the team from receiving an award. Complaints will be allowed by the Unit Directors or their representatives and judges only. Judges and Unit Directors will have a meeting to discuss fouls and complaints.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION TOURNAMENT RULES COMMITTEE

Richard Ptacek, Chairman
EllenJeanne Schnabl, Director of Women, A.S.O.
Edward C. Linhart, Director of Men, A.S.O.

AMERICAN SOKOL ORGANIZATION
Merit Award Committee
6426 West Cermak Road
Berwyn, Illinois 60402

I desire to make application for the American Sokol Organization Merit Award. Please mail application forms and all other instructions to:

Signature of Sokol member: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

My age is: _____ years. I am a member of Sokol _____

of the _____ District.

held in Detroit in January. — Souvenir inventory, still many items available. — 1938 Sokol Slet film held in Czechoslovakia available. Also 1948 Sokol Slet.

The new slate of officers installed were: Pres. Bro. Edward Jirousek; Vice-Presidents Bros. Emil Pekar, Joseph Kovar, Ralph Gruber, Robert Jirousek; Sec'y. Bro. Henry Nemecek; Treasurer, Bro. John Galik; Educational Director, Bro. Karel Zahradnicek; Publicity, Sis. Elsie Khol.

February 28, 1973

Pres., Bro. Edward Jirousek presided; opening the meeting with his report of the January District Presidents Conference held in Chicago. — Stressed the importance of reorganizing the Social Units. The District has two, Sokol Rip in Pittsburgh and Sokol Moravan in Toledo. Other Districts have many more. — Stated better cooperation needed with the editor of the American Sokol publication in sending in the District minutes as soon as possible and activities for the Calendar of Events 6 weeks in advance, not waiting until the last moment. — Units may purchase apparatus through the Assessment Fund if they are an active Unit and have no funds. Balance in N.E. District Assessment Fund is \$4,000. — By-Law changes should be sent to the Committee in writing. — He concluded his report stating of appearing on the Czech Voice of Cleveland radio broadcast, also representing the District at the Cotillion Ball and the 70th Anniversary Banquet of Ceska Sin Sokol.

Treasurer, Bro. Galik: Savings Account, \$5,756.86. Checking Account, \$301.76.

B.O.I., Bro. Peter Dusek: Reported on February BOI meeting. — Bro. Ranc and Sis. Khol will visit classes teaching the Anthems. — Bros. Bert Box and Richard Franks were representatives to the Sokol Detroit Exhibition. — District now has Super 8 projector. — Announced Beseda Dance Group rehearsal, Mar. 25th; Clinic and Dance, Mar. 31st; Judges Clinic, April 28-29th; Clinic and Workshop, May 5-6th. — Senior citizens were invited to Sis. Mana Sima's Wednesday morning classes at Sokol Cleveland. — Bro. Box and Franks attended D.T.J. Exhibition.

New Business: Discussions on coming District Slet with Bro. Emil Pekar chairman of the Committee. — Letter of appreciation to be sent Mayor Perk and Mr. Hyvnar for invitation to take part in the Inaugural Parade. — Slet film from Czechoslovakia to be ordered. — Invitation received for Yugoslav Sokol Association doing, March 10th. Bro. Box will represent District. — District granted a ½-page for brief history in XIII Slet Program Book. Motion approved the District purchase full-page ad in same, pro rata by each Unit in District. Special buses will transport gymnasts and viewers to the Slet.

Central District, Special Meeting

February 22, 1973

Pres., Bro. Joseph Drnec, presided with 11 members present. — Discussion as to storing District's properties. Sokol Brookfield offered tentative space depending on inventory. Will receive a storage fee. — Discussion as to whether a request be made to

the ASO Assessment Fund, in reimbursement of funds advanced the District's Dance Group to make costumes. — Invitations to Sokol Milwaukee's 105th Anniversary and Sokol Stickney's Dinner honoring Bro. William Vrba. Pres., Bro. Drnec and Sis. Drnec will represent District at both affairs. Expenses paid by the District. — Recommendation made the Central District and the ASO BOI stage on exhibition of some kind at Chicago's Civic Center Plaza.

February 28, 1973

Pres., Drnec opened the meeting with 17 members present. — Senior-Junior All-Star volley-ball game, May 11th. Volunteer help needed. — 4 District Courses completed. Due to conflicting activities, attendance was below par. As result, Bro. Linhart is willing to repeat Apparatus Terminology Course, a requirement for a certificate. A 3-part Sokol History Course will be conducted by Bro. Pirka, April 14th, April 21st, May 5th, at Sokol Brookfield. A conference will be held April 18th.

Sokol Berwyn's team won the Volleyball Tournament. A social followed the game. — Practices for the District's Vaulting Team will start after exhibition-time. The team performed during one of the Oak Brook Polo games, June 5th. Profit realized, \$109.00. — Sokol Fuegner plans to start small boys classes. Need assistance in registration and organization. Traveling Instructor, Bro. Henry Vydra, will be contacted. Also suggested the District stage an exhibition at Sokol Fuegner to stimulate interest in these classes and also encourage the Unit.

The ASO BOI sanctioned an exhibition by the District at the Civil Center Plaza to promote Slet and Sokol. Sis. Helen Tuma, Sis. June Pros and Bro. Lebloch will meet with officials to set a date for the performance.

Sis. Ruzicka reported for the Auditing Committee, and found the books in order. — Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand, \$95.38.

Eastern District

February 26, 1973

Pres. Bro. Charles Zraly presided. Present: Bros. J. Babinec, F. Capek, A. Chaloupka, H. Vesely, Sisters B. Hochner, L. Pribyl, N. Zabka, B. Zraly.

Correspondence: Listing of newly elected officers from Sokol Belcamp. Bro. Frank Novak re-elected president. — Sokol Little Ferry president is Bro. Richard Novotny. — Check of \$50.00 and chance stubs from Sokol Baltimore. — Invitation to Sokol Washington's Sibrinky, Feb. 24th.

Director of Women, Sis. Zabka: Received tapes and schedule of Slet activities. Attended meeting of United Sokols. — A 2-week Course will be held at North Central College at Naperville, Ill. after the Chicago Slet.

Director of Men, Bro. Capek: A clinic was conducted with only Sokol Little Ferry and D.A. Sokol in attendance. — Suggested Units start raising funds to send competitors to the Chicago Slet.

Southern District, Bro. Stetka: Held 2 meetings. — Bro. Edward Stetka elected Director of Men and Sis. Marie Pokorny, Director of Women. — Will participate in Chicago Slet. Most members prefer

going by plane but more participants would be sent if traveling by bus. — Unanimously agreed the seat of the Eastern District remain in New York.

UNIT REPORTS

Sokol New York: Progress being made in gym classes. — Spring dance, March 18th. — Celebration of Masaryk's birthday, March 11th, at Sokol Hall, New York. — Exhibition, June 9th.

Sokol Little Ferry: New slate of officers elected. — New activities planned, — Exhibition, April 8th. — Request all Sokol Little Ferry mail be sent to P.O. Box 61, Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643.

Sokol Fuegner: Exhibition, May 6th. — Symphonies extended family of late Bro. William Kopačka, a member for 60 years.

Sokol Baltimore: Exhibition, May 20th. Bro. Don Otenasek re-elected president.

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Discussion: Bro. Zraly reported on District Presidents Conference. Also attended winter Exhibition of D.A. Sokol Metropolitan District. — Bro. Capek stated the rates on plane reservations to ASO Slet. Group of 25, \$97.00 round trip. Reservations one month in advance. For a charter flight at least 119 passengers, \$75.00 round trip. Reservations 21 days in advance. Plane would probably leave Wed., June 20th. Some Units could not afford going by plane in larger numbers. Will obtain bus rates. Those traveling by bus would leave June 19th. — Sis. Emilie Ruzicka suggested simple calisthenics after each meeting. May induce more members to participate in Slet.

Treasurer, Bro. Chaloupka: Receipts, \$169.70.

Sokol Milwaukee

Sokol Milwaukee enters its 105th year of activity with the gym classes very well attended. To climax this 105th year Sokol Milwaukee is celebrating with a Banquet and Dance on Saturday, May 19th, at the beautiful Milwaukee Inn with cocktails at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at 6:30 P.M. This would be a wonderful prelude to meet your Sokol friends before our National Slet. We, at Milwaukee, will be very anxious to have you share our traditional hospitality.

Sokol Milwaukee had a very active year beginning with the annual Recognition Dinner in October; the Holiday Folk Fair following in November which was very successful. Again fortunate the Exhibit Booth won a \$500 prize. In December we had our Christmas Party and vacation. Many other activities followed such as hikes, Inter-class meets and our Exhibition in May.

We are now preparing for our Exhibition which will be held on June 10th and then onto our National Slet on June 24th. Fred Stankovsky

Sokol Baltimore

The year 1972 signified the end of 100 years of gymnastic and cultural activities of Sokol Baltimore. We are now entering a second century and in my opinion, it will be a very difficult one. Just like the Sokols before us, we should look ahead and prepare for the future. Therefore, it is very important that our Unit do something about our

present Sokol Hall which never was adequate for our activities.

Since we already decided to build a new one, our first step is to buy the land. Here we have to take into consideration the price of the land, how much money we can borrow, and the tax on the bought property. A good way to start is to buy the land at a price we can afford to pay back in three years. We should then set for ourselves a goal to start building a new Sokol Hall two years later. In those five years we should have a good idea as to how much money would be available from the members and other sources to make the building possible.

In my opinion, the new Sokol Hall should be located in such an area where there is a good chance of drawing new members and young people for our gym classes and an area where we can count on support from our senior and long-term members for support that was given Sokol for the last one hundred years.

James Tomecek

XIII A.S.O. SLET SEAL



The American Sokol Organization has issued seals commemorating our various Slets. On this occasion the Slet Seal Committee has issued a Twin Seal — not only commemoration of our XIII American Sokol Slet, but the American Revolution Bicentennial, of which our Slet is a most important part . . . for on this 200th Anniversary of our country, our Sokol movement has taken an active part for 108 years. In this span of time Sokol has helped to build and mold the future of our American people.

We ask your support — use the seals on your correspondence. More are available at our American Sokol Organization office.

Sokol Detroit

The following were presented with membership pins at the Sokol and Sokolice Detroit annual joint meeting: 40 yrs. — Sis. Jarmila Zboril; 25-yrs. — Bros. Joseph Serna, Joseph Michalek, Henry Siedlik, Sisters Jane Cibulka, Agnes Nechyba, Mary Ann Dvorak.

The high point of the meeting had to be the presentation of Merit Award from the A.S.O.

which was made to two of our most valued members. It just happens that they are husband and wife, Br. LOUIS and Sis. LILLIAN TEICHMAN. Everyone in attendance was moved by the emotion of the moment. It is a memory that we will cherish for just being there.

Sis. BETTY PRENNER from the A.S.O., Chicago, congratulated Sokol Detroit and mentioned that Sokol has been included in the United States Bicentennial celebration. Her speech was followed by a very enlightening talk on the nation's space research and a short slide presentation by Ronald J. Redick of the Bendix Corp. Paul Dobbs

Balance Brought Forward:

Western National Bank of Cicero —	
Checking Account	\$7,101.39
Receipts — March 1973	3,676.79
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	10,778.18
Disbursements — March 1973	7,768.48
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	\$3,009.70

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FUTURE SOKOL LEADERS FUND
March 1973

Sokol Town of Lake, in memory of Bro. Adolph Hron	\$ 10.00
First Federal Savings of Wisconsin —	
Divident 3/28/73	1.24
Clyde Savings & Loan Ass'n.	
Dividend 3/31/73	235.40
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	\$246.64

Donations are tax exempt.

FINANCIAL REPORT
American Sokol Organization
March 1973

RECEIPTS:

Dues	\$1,255.00
Convention Fund	250.00
Special Assessment	500.00
Dividends and Interest	755.02
Resale of Jewelry	276.50
Educational Pamphlets	15.00
Decals	6.00
Tapes	6.00
Phone, Postage	3.31
Sale of Office Machine	50.00
Profit from Tours	559.96
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	\$3,676.79

DISBURSEMENTS:

Administrative Department	
Salaries	\$ 441.77
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February ..	219.50
Rental, Janitor Service, Phone, Electric	340.36
Office Supplies	3.10
Advertising	27.50
Service Contracts	135.00
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	\$1,167.23
Educational Department BOI	
Salaries	\$ 208.82
F.I.C.A. & F.W.T. for February ..	51.64
Editor "Sokol Gymnast"	25.00
Add'l copies "Sokol Gymnast" ..	28.00
Postage	21.47
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Sokol Publication	
Editor "American Sokol"	\$ 75.00
Printing "American Sokol"	771.00
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Miscellaneous	
Uniform Division — Salaries, F.I.C.A., F.W.T., Phone	\$ 369.71
XIII A.S.O. Slet Expense	50.55
Transfer of funds to Savings accounts	5,000.00
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	5,420.26
Total Disbursements	\$7,768.48

Aloha

They're back — all 140 of those who went to Hawaii on the Sokol Stickney Hawaiian tour. Travelers from Sokol Berwyn, Brookfield, Chicago, Detroit, Havlicek, and Slavsky joined our unit on the excursion. Although I was not free to join the tour I can testify that a good time was had by all. Since my folks returned our stereo has been pumping out strains of "Tiny Bubbles", our Osterizer is being worn out from Chi-Chi mixing, the slide projector is sure to need a new bulb soon, and koa-bead leis are being distributed all over town. If the other travelers are as enthusiastic upon return to the mainland then nothing more needs to be said. EXCEPT, the lack of fresh orchids in Stickney is a real let down after the orchids on steaks, in drinks, and on pillows in Honolulu. Aloha, and "hang loose" as they do in Hawaii!

The free trip for two to Hawaii was won by Audrey and Jack Cindric from Stickney (Audrey taught classes at Sokol Stickney when her name was Sedlbauer). Ardis Sheridan

**Bratr Pavel Jeřábek
sedmdesátníkem**

Jsem si plně vědom toho, že to vzalo mnoho vznětů, nadšení i osobních obětí, nežli se bezmála před 100 lety zrodila myšlenka na založení samostatné Jednoty sokolské v Cedar Rapidsích. Nezapomínám na desítky vynikajících pracovníků a pracovníků, kteří už většinou nežijí, bez nichž by se společné dílo a vlastní budova téměř v srdci města nikdy nepostavila. Bohužel, ne všem dáme hrstičku uznání pokud jsou ještě mezi námi a při jejich pohřbu už těch krásných slov neslyší. To je příčina proč chci uvítit tuto malou kytičku vděčnosti bratru a kamarádu Pavlu Jeřábkovi, který se 10. února t.r. dožil svých sedmdesátin v plné duševní svěžesti a se stejným nadšením ve svém srdci pro sokolskou věc, která jej provázela hned od prvních dnů příjezdu Jeřábkovy rodiny z kladenského kraje a bude jej provázeti po celý jeho život.

Ti, kdož jej tak dobře neznají jako my, vidí v něm úspěšného obchodníka — zámožného člověka. Obé je pravdou, ale ne všichni ví, že se ke všemu dopracoval pilnou vytrvalostí, odvahou a hlavně vírou v tuto zemi, která se mu stala jeho druhou vlastí. Společně se svými sestrami Marií a Ann pilně cvičil a nikdy nescházel při benefičních podnikcích ve prospěch důležitých oprav a zvelebování sokolského stánku. Byl hybnou pákou kdysi tak úspěšných bazarů které Sokolu vynesly tisíce, zasadil se o pozvání vzorných družstev dělnického Sokola čl. a uspořádání skvělé Akademie v auditoriu Wilsonovy vyšší školy, kterýžto společný sokolský podnik dal vznik k založení Sdružení českých spolků dosud v existenci. Když Jednota ztratila svého oblíbeného cvičitele br. Františka Machovského, byl to zase "náš Pavel" který štědrým darem založil fond k postavení důstojného pomníku na našem českém národním hřbitově. — A když sklepní plovárna v budově Sokola přežila svou užitečnost a stala se více méně odpadlištěm, br. Jeřábek s hloučkem "věrných" prosadil, aby se peněz získaných z bazáru použilo k výstavbě moderní klubovny, bez které by dnešní společenský život v Sokole nemohl existovati. Kolik stovek či tisíc br. Jeřábek během svého života daroval věci sokolské zde i Obci v Chicagu, se možná nikdy nedozvíme, protože si nepotrpěl na veřejné díky a často jsem jej slyšel říci: "Co dělám a dávám, dělám a dávám rád jednak proto, že si to mohu dovolit a také proto, že jsem po celý život v sokolství věřil." V jeho stále obchodní oznámce v Sokolském Bulletinu je skromně uvedeno — "100% sokolská rodina", ale za těmi slovy se skrývá mnohem více.

Jeho rostoucí rodina je jeho životem. Sotva by se našel šťastnější děda nežli on, když vezme vnuky do Disneylandu v Kalifornii, na Floridu neb na hony do Kanady a letošního roku uskuteční další velkou věc pro svoje děti. Družinu čítající 12 neb 13 členů vezme s manželkou na měsíční cestu do Evropy se zastávkami v Londýně, Vídni, Curychu, Bělehradu, Moskvě a ovšem i v Praze, kde chce dětem ukázat krásy a památnosti své rodné země, které se nikdy neodrodil, ani řečí, ani city, a hlavně ani svým srdcem. I když ví, že mladá generace má své kořeny a zájmy v této své zemi, jeho přáním jest aby byla vždy hrdá na jeho původ protože bez tohoto českého citění by Pavel Jeřábek nikdy nebyl tím, čím je.

T. B. Hlubuček

Sokol Cleveland-Čech-Havlíček

Schůze jednoty konána 4. března. Zahájil ji starosta br. Frank Kavan za pěkné účasti členů.

Zástupci všech výborů podali své zprávy, čtena celoroční zpráva výkonného výboru, župy, a také z cvičitelského sboru župy podána celková zpráva. Majetkový výbor měl dlouhou zprávu o všech opravách v budově, kterých je mnoho. Sokolovna je pronajata každou sobotu i v neděli, což ale nekryje výlohy a stále se doplňuje z vkladů.

Náčelnice Ann Škoda hlásila pěkný počet cvičenek ve všech třídách — přípravy na slet naší župy a na slet Americké obce v Chicagu.

Další vedení schůze převzal br. Gruber, v úvodu řekl, že je pro něho ctí odevzdat sokolské odznaky

za dlouholeté členství, přítomným bratřím a sestram:

Za 25 let — bratr a sestra Barney Smejkal; za 40 let: sestry Alby Galik, Lillian Zeman, Henrietta Chaloupek a Caroline Slocum; za 50-leté členství: Jean Beránek, May Gruber, Ruth Perlik, Emily Hoch, Betty Roteborn, Marie Holub, Anna Oldham, Bertha Černý; bratři: Charles Černý, Yaro Bican, Robert Kamiš a Henry Kamiš.

Dále br. Gruber představil bratra Johna Drska, který je členem 64 roků a stále koná opravy v sokolovně.

Další, kteří jsou členy přes 60 let, představeny sestry Božena Pešek a Marie Mazaný, bratr John Huml Sr., br. Klihampl Sr., a br. Lad Suchy.

M.N.

Z Českého Národního Hřbitova v Chicagu

Náš národní hřbitov je již v devadesátém šestém roce svého trvání. Všechna ta léta jsou dobou úsilovné, úspěšné práce, ukázněné snahy, podřazené chuti ku společnému usilování a radosti z něho. Rok od roku se zvyšovala úroveň. Přibýval kamínek ku kameni, zahrada zesnulých rostla a dnes zde odpočívá, mezi svými, více než 100.000 českých a slovenských lidí.

7. února se konala schůze zástupců. Účast, jako ve všech schůzích, i přes velmi nepříznivé počasí, veliká. Předsedal br. Vydra.

Když byl vyčerpán program, bratr předseda požádal starostu Americké obce sokolské, br. Stanley Barcala, aby uvedl do úřadu činníky Národního hřbitova, zvolené na rok 1973.

Br. Barcal ocenil práci hřbitovního sdružení. Mimo činnosti pro krásnou zahradu odešlých, vyzevdl podporu, kterou hřbitov dává České útulně pro přestárlé, Sokolstvu, Českým svobodomyšlným školám, českým a slovenským organizacím a všemu ušlechtilému, co si podpory zaslouží.

Za podporu sokolství poděkoval a připomenul, že letošního roku bude konán 13. slet AOS. Projevil přesvědčení, že tento podnik najde u zástupců plného pochopení a podpory, které se Sokolstvu dostává po všechna léta.

Uvedl pak do úřadu nově zvolené činníky: Bohumil Vydra, předseda; Peter Vojtík, místopředseda; Rudolf Pelc, tajemník; Ladislav Mejdrich, pokladník; Správní výbor — James Budilovský, Viktor Čejka, Michael Pražák; Účtuující výbor — Edward Nepil, Rudolph Drtina, Joseph Krabec; Jerry Růžička, správce; George W. Bouček, právní rádece.

Úředníci vesměs mají za sebou mnoho roků činnosti, čtyřicet i více. Všichni jsou horlivými spolupracovníky, kteří se podílí na všem usilování hřbitovního sdružení. Bratr Bob Vydra je v úřadě předsedy již dvacátý třetí rok. Zná všechno zařízení, všechny stroje, je na hřbitově několikrát během týdne a zajisté je pravým mužem na pravém místě! Je také pracovníkem sokolským a své Jednotě Sokolu Berwyn, prokázal mnohé platné služby. Dlouhá léta byl starostou a myslím, že do dnes je předsedou ředitelstva.

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Sokol společně s odbočkou ČSNRA uspořádaly vzpomínku narozenin T. G. Masaryka dne 10. března. Br. Jaromír Marek sestavil pásmo z myšlenek T. G. Masaryka. Členové Sokola zatančili národní tance a zazpívali národní písně. Krásným číslem programu bylo tělocvičné vystoupení ses. Dagmar Hintnaus z Los Angeles, která je členkou ženského gymnastického družstva USA. Zpracovala vzorně svou sestavu na kladině a volná cvičení prostná. Ses. Dagmar Hintnaus prošla sokolskou tělocvičnou a dosáhla nevyššího vrcholu v gymnastice.

SOKOL LOS ANGELES

Oslava 7. března byla velmi zdařilá. Sestra Slakhauzová-Paidarová se opět vrátila mezi nás a její přednes písní byl stále stejně krásný jako dříve.

Pan Zvolánek podal ukázky svého bohatého repertoaru zkušeného zpěváka. Recitace paní Francové otvírala oponu vzorným podáním dobré recitátorky. Pan Tonek Kovařík je nejen dobrým malířem-umělcem, ale výborně recituje jako paní Francová.

Milé překvapení byly děti z české školy pod vedením sestry Ivy Procházkové. Hudební doprovod br. Finka byl zpestřen houslovým koncertem, který přednesl p. Šandor.

Konec první části programu bylo vystoupení taneční skupiny Sokola pod vedením Yvonky Gottwaldové — Moravsko-slovenské tance v krásných krojích. Byla to radost se na ně dívat.

Po přestávce byl promítnut film "Sedm dních hanby". Film popisuje vpád sovětských vojsk do Československa v roce 1968.

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