

# SNH NEWS



Slovenian National Home Indianapolis Newsletter

Spring 2019

## Slovene Fest is Moving to Haughville

*Haughville has been the historic epicenter of Slovene community in Indianapolis since the 1880s. Like many Indianapolis neighborhoods, Haughville is joining the urban renewal movement, and we want*

*to be a part of it. In spite of what the Haughville area became over time, the Slovenian National Home stood as a reminder of all those who lived, labored and loved in order to build their community. With its location in the heart of the Haughville Historic District, the Slovenian National Home has been a pillar of the Slovenian community for 100 years. Its spacious events hall, kitchen and dining area combined with surrounding parking offers a great location for hosting events. For these reasons the Board of Directors approved the change of venue for the annual Slovene Fest from Lion'sPark in Claremont to the "Nash" in Haughville.*

The "Slovenski Festival" will take place on Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>, with doors opening at 2pm and closing at 8pm. Excellent Slovenian food and drinks will be accompanied with the sounds of polka from our local band. To add to the fun, there will be a raffle, vendors and guest exhibits along with many activities for kids both young and old.

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*"Slovenian National Home has been an excellent venue for our family gatherings. It is convenient, spacious and friendly. Most importantly it brings us back to our Slovenian roots."*

*- Steve Fon*

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## SLOVENSKI FESTIVAL



Slovenian National Home  
2717 w 10th St, Indianapolis  
<https://sloveniannationalhomeindy.com/>

Saturday 2-8pm  
Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> 2019



Slovenian Parade on St. Claire Street with Holy Trinity Church in the background.

## The Indianapolis News, Saturday, May 9, 1908

The Slovenians, who come from Carniola, Styria and "the Krajinmark", number about 800, and are all in Haughville. They have their wives and children with them, have the best homes, have built a beautiful brick Slovenian Catholic church. Though many are out of work, they have refused to accept the free soup and bread.

## Haughville Slovenians

Haughville area was first settled in the 1830s, when it became home to a number of merchants, whose small shops sprouted up near the west landing of the then brand-new Washington Street Bridge over the White River. By the 1880s, encouraged by the bridge and proximity to a number of new railroad lines, the town became home to a number of Irish, German, and later Slovene immigrants, many of whom worked in the neighborhood's two iron foundries or in meat-packing plants. The Haugh and Ketcham Iron Works gave the town its name.

The area was incorporated in 1883 and annexed by Indianapolis in 1897. By 1900, almost half of the neighborhood's inhabitants were Slovene, many of whom attended St. Anthony's Catholic church. Due to tensions with the largely Irish population at St. Anthony's parish, the Slovenian community petitioned Vicar General Denis D. O'Donaghue to build their own church. Permission was received and Holy Trinity Slovenian Catholic Church began in April 1906.

## Holly Trinity Closes

Channel 13, Nov 24, 2014

More than a year away from its 110th anniversary, The Holy Trinity Catholic Church won't see that milestone as leaders say they have been forced to make the difficult decision to close the doors, ending a long history for the church, the community, and the congregation.

"All the people moved out and deserted this parish," member Joseph Lampert said.

He would know; he's been coming here since the day he was born.



## Slovenian National Home

The Slovenian National Home was formed in 1906 in a basement of a home close to Holy Trinity Slovenian Catholic Church as a place to congregate outside of church and home. Today the "Nash" is located at 2717 W. 10th street where it has been a pillar of the community since 1940. The National Home is a private club for Slovenian people, their descendants, and friends.



Slovenian National Home Indianapolis

## Slovenian National Home Celebrates 100-th Anniversary

On December 7th 2018 Slovenian National home celebrated 100-th anniversary of its funding in 1918.

The event in SNH building on 10th Street was attended by more than 150 people, including representatives of Republic of Slovenia and City of Indianapolis.

Slovenian food and drinks were served and polka music by Bobby Klemens cheered up the crowd.



The president of Slovenian National Home, Mr. Joe Lambert, receiving a recognition for 100 years of promoting Slovenian culture in Indianapolis from Consul General of Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Andrej Gregor Rode .

# Become a Sponsor

Success of our event depends on countless hours of dedicated volunteers and generosity of donors like you. Please help us keep our Slovenian heritage alive and vibrant, so that we can pass it on the generations to come.

“Slovenski Festival” is our biggest event of the year (August 10th). We anticipate that upwards of 500 Slovenian-Americans as well as people from various Indianapolis communities will join us for food & drinks, live polka band and a dance performance. All of this will happen right at our traditional home in Haughville. This is a huge effort and a great time had by all. A success is critical for continued existence of our mission.

All of the proceeds will be used for upkeep of our Slovenian National Home which is nearly 80 years old and desperately needs some major structural work in order to stay open. Our most urgent need is the new roof, but windows, plumbing, electric and many other structural issues are at the breaking point. Again, all this is possible due to tremendous efforts of volunteers (nobody in Nash gets paid) and generosity of donors like you.

## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about sponsorship of Slovenian National Home.

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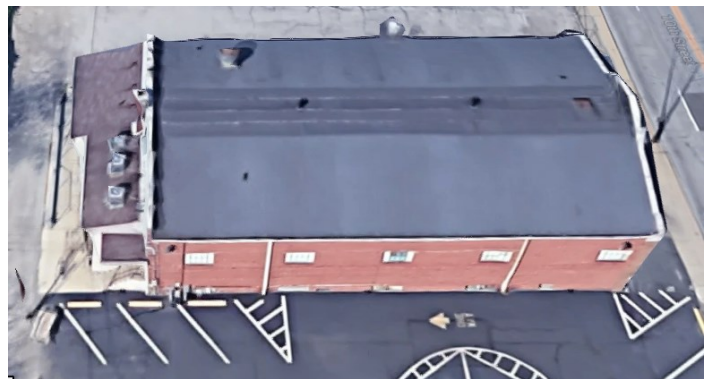
## Slovenian National Home of Slovenian Culture in Indianapolis

### 2019 Goal Keeping Slovenian National Home Dry

Sound structural integrity of our beautiful building on 10th Street is crucial for continuous operation of Slovenian National Home. Our ancestors put great effort in constructing a building of highest quality, however after 80 years of operation the building requires substantial work on the roof at the cost of

\$27,500. This amount substantially exceeds our revenue from membership dues and Nash activities. At this years Slovenski Festival we are hoping to raise \$10,000 toward the needed roof repair.

Your support is critical to making this event successful and in return, sponsors will reach thousands of people in the community through the Slovenian National Home website, Slovenian National Home social media, event signage, street banners and throughout the evening on the main stage. The following page list our suggested sponsorship levels. We hope that you are able to fill out the form to become a sponsor.



# “Slovenski Festival” Sponsor Agreement

Sponsor Name as Preferred in Print \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name & Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## LEVELS:

### ◆ **Slovenski Festival Sponsor** (1 Dedicated sponsor each level)

Main Event Sponsor \$ 1500

Polka Band Sponsor \$ 1000

Main Tent Sponsor \$ 800

Bar Sponsor \$ 700

Slovenian Food Sponsor \$ 500

### ◆ **Slovenski Festival Patron** \_ \$200

### ◆ **Friend of Slovenski Festival** \_ \$100

◆ Design your own sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit Sponsorship Agreement and Payment to:**

Slovenian National Home

C/O Rok Cerne - Treasurer

6804 Studebaker Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46214

Send High Resolution Logo to:

rok\_cerne@yahoo.com

## Signature:

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Make check payable to Slovenian National Home Indianapolis.