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Come One! Come All!

SOKOL KHB ENNIS ANNUAL MEMBERS DAY
SAT. DEC. 3, 2022 10AM-5PM

10:00 Annual Meeting & Elections
Kolaches & Coffee provided

12:00 Luncheon
Meat provided / Please bring covered dish

1:00 Member Awards

1:30 Gym Exhibition

2:30 Santa & Christmas Social

Members Day occurs annually on the first Saturday of December

SOKOL ACTIVITY CENTER - 2622 E Hwy 34, Ennis TX
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SMOKE FREE EVENT
NO SMOKING PLEASE 

Come On Down!

Sokol KHB 2022 Member Service Awards

Member		#		Member		#
		YRS				YRS
Meliton	Castillo	5		Marita	Barak	25
Janith	McManus	5		Lezlee	Hernandez	25
Brandon	Smith	5		Jerry	Holland	25
Joe	Barton	10		Trenton	Morales	25
Deanna	Betik	10		Denise	Rejcek	25
Savannah	Gilburt	10		John	Schumacher	25
Calvin	Keeton	10		Janice	Wilson	25
Rosemarie	Lane	10		Charles E	Kalat	35
Diane	Liska	10	Lifetime	Rosemarie	Cooke	35
Bernard	Martinek	10		Cliff	Mullican	35
Daniel	Slovak	10		Connie	Bragg	40
John Paul	Slovak	10		Johna	McGuire	40
Amy	Smith	10		Jerry	Wester	40
Vickie	Valek	10	Lifetime	Sarah	Green	45
Brian	Zhanel	10	Lifetime	Barbara	Liska	50
Lawrence	Zmolik	10		Lou	Anderson	50
Tammy	Gora	15		James W.	Benton	50
Mark	Sanders	15		Lorraine	Bouska	50
Elaine	Kasowski	20		Stuart	Hamilton	50
				Cathy	Stacks	50
				Joe	Wiginton	50
			HonLife	Charles A	Kalat	60



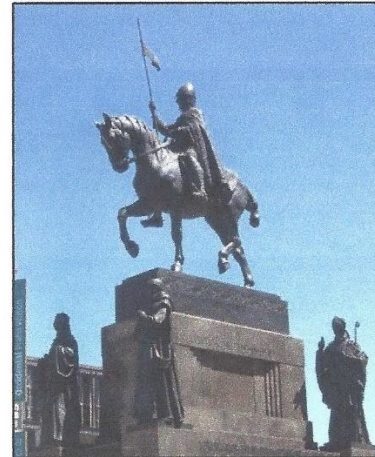
The Ennis Czech Beseda Dancers performed at the Sokol Hall in Dallas on October 9, 2022 for the Czech Heritage Day under the direction of David, Diane, Jimmy and Theresa Liska.

If you would like to learn the Beseda, contact Diane Liska at 214-205-7610.

Pictured: David and Diane Liska, April Dvorak and Robert Gietzen, Barbara Lofgreen and Kyle Stuckly, Rita Holland and John Sefcik, Theresa and Jimmy Liska.

Educational Director's Report Good King Wenceslaus was Czech

The statue of the knight on horseback in Wenceslaus Square in Prague, Czech Republic – that is Saint King Wenceslaus. It signifies the importance Czechs place on this early Slavic hero. Wenceslaus was the Duke of Bohemia and was brutally murdered by his younger brother's companions in 935 AD. Although Wenceslaus was only a duke during his lifetime, Holy Roman Emperor Otto I posthumously conferred the title of "king" on Wenceslaus, which is why he is referred to as "king" in legend and song.



Wenceslaus was the son of Vratislaus I, Duke of Bohemia of the Přemyslid dynasty. His grandfather had been converted to Christianity by Cyril and Methodius. His mother, Drahomíra, was the daughter of a pagan tribal chief who was baptized at the time of her marriage to Wenceslaus' father, but she never really acted in a Christian manner.

When Wenceslaus assumed his dukedom, he used Christianity to strengthen his state. "Great Moravia" was the first major state that was predominantly West Slavic to emerge in Central Europe. It included the area known as Czechoslovakia, and possibly areas of present day Hungary, Austria, Germany, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

In September 935, a group of nobles allied with Wenceslaus's younger brother, Boleslav, plotted to kill Wenceslaus. Three of Boleslav's companions stabbed the duke to death. It is said that as the duke fell, Boleslav ran him through with a lance. Wenceslaus was immediately considered a martyr and saint.

He was so loved because of his generosity, as legend relates: "...rising every night from his noble bed, with bare feet and only one chamberlain, he went around to God's churches and gave alms generously to widows, orphans, those in prison and afflicted by every difficulty."

The hymn "Svatý Václave" (Saint Wenceslaus) or "Saint Wenceslaus Chorale" is one of the oldest known Czech songs. Traceable to the 12th century AD, it is still among the most popular religious songs in the Bohemian lands.

This is how we picture King Wenceslaus now in keeping with the Christmas carol:

Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even
Brightly shone the moon that night
Though the frost was cruel
When a poor man came in sight
Gathering winter fuel



Hither, page, and stand by me,
If thou knowst it, telling
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?
Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Underneath the mountain
Right against the forest fence
By Saint Agnes fountain.

Sire, the night is darker now
And the wind blows stronger
Fails my heart, I know not how
I can go no longer.
Mark my footsteps, good my page
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shall find the winters rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly.

In his masters step he trod
Where the snow lay dinted
Heat was in the very sod
Which the Saint had printed
Therefore, Christian men, be sure
Wealth or rank possessing
Ye, who now will bless the poor
Shall yourselves find blessing.

Na Zdar! Sister Liz Moucka Krajca -- Educational Director, Sokol KHB Ennis

December, 2022

GYMNASTICS REPORT

Gymnastics has been working on a parade float for the Parade of lights. We also have been getting ready for our Christmas program on December 3.

We are excited to give away A Duromax XP12000EH Generator at our Christmas party/program. Some tickets are still available for \$10 a ticket.
Santa is stopping by for all the kiddos.

Volleyball Report

Volleyball will start raffling a corn hole set in January \$2 a ticket. The giveaway will be at the National Polka Festival on the last day!

POOL REPORT

Pool is coming along. Pictures are always on facebook of progress to look at! We still are accepting donations for the pool! We just released our early bird special prices for use of the pool in the 2023 year.

Yearly Pass (This pass and a Sokol membership gets you into swim when pool is open NO DAILY ENTRY FEE WITH PASS) (same household and on same day of sign up) (must be a Sokol Member Silver \$42 or Gold \$65)

Individual \$250
2 people \$300
3 people \$350
4 people \$400
5 people \$450

Summer Pass (Starting May 29th-August 19th) (This pass and a Sokol membership gets you into swim when pool is open NO DAILY ENTRY FEE WITH PASS) (same household and on same day of sign up) (must be a Sokol Member Silver \$42 or Gold \$65)

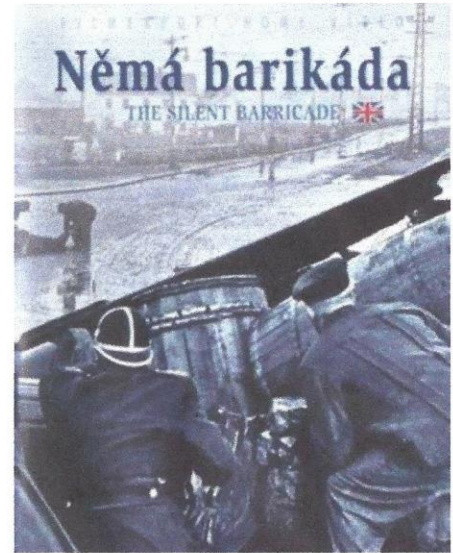
Individual \$100
2 people \$150
3 people \$200
4 people \$250
5 people \$300

Thank you, Joanna Wilson -- Physical Director/Gymnastic Manager Sokol



Monthly Czech Movie & Social Dec 15th & Jan 5th

The next Monthly Czech Movie & Social is Thursday, December 15th in the Clubroom. Doors open 5pm. Accordion music by David Slovak at 6pm. The featured film is "Silent Barricade" at 7pm (Czech title: "Nemá barikáda"). About the film: May 1945, Russians are approaching Berlin & German troops in Prague are slowly beginning their retreat of the city while committing atrocities along the way. The situation escalates when a tram gets shot at by passing German cars & innocent citizens get killed. The natives immediately decide to block off one of the main bridges, preventing the German's smooth escape. The entire city is suddenly organizing the defense. Tempers have been seething for a long time & finally, all the bottled up anger can be released. The Praguers have a chance to pay back the occupants for nearly 6 years of terror and crimes. As is typical for Czechoslovak movies filmed after 1948, also this film is heavily tainted by Communist propaganda, which is significantly skewing the reality & making it historically inaccurate.



Pizza, chicken strips, corn dogs, French fries, cheese sticks, jalapeno poppers, fried pickles, onion rings, bread pretzels & snacks available for purchase at bar. Non-smoking event (smoking allowed on patio). Czech Movie & Social occurs monthly on the first Thursday by the Ellis County Czech Heritage Society (December date changed from 1st to 15th). All Sokol members welcome.

Clubroom Christmas set for Monday, December 19th



Pictured L-R: Chris Trojacek, Danny Zapletal, Andy Mikula, David Slovak & John Marek

We all had a fun time at the Monday Polka Party November 21st with David Slovak & Friends. The group will perform again at the Clubroom Christmas Party December 19th. Doors open 5pm. Food provided (TBD). Bring a covered dish or snack if you like. No cover charge. We will also have Monday Night Football on the TV's. A great way to get the week started!

Membership Drive 2023

It's that time again for our annual membership drive going into 2023. All members are needed to help with this endeavor. Please encourage your family, friends, and relatives to join. The membership application can be found on the membership page at www.sokolennis.com/membership or in the Sokol clubroom. For more information regarding membership, please email membership@sokolennis.com or call 214-906-0891. Thanks & Nazdar!

David Slovak
Membership Director

Election of Officers for 2023



SOKOL KHB ENNIS ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS NOMINEES FOR ELECTED OFFICE 2023



<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>CANDIDATES</u>
President.....	TBD	Auditing Committee.....	Debbie Macik
Secretary.....	TBD	Auditing Committee.....	Deanna Betik
Vice-President.....	TBD	Auditing Committee.....	Debbie Slovak
Second Vice-President.....	Randy Owen	Budget & Finance Committee.....	Debbie Macik
Financial Secretary.....	Nannette Liska	Budget & Finance Committee.....	Deanna Betik
Treasurer.....	Mike Liska	Budget & Finance Committee.....	Debbie Slovak
Educational Director.....	Liz Moucka	Reconciliation Committee.....	John Marek Jr
Membership Director.....	David Slovak	Reconciliation Committee.....	Harold Corey
Public Relations Director.....	Michelle Slovak	Reconciliation Committee.....	David Liska
Physical Director (to be ratified)	Joanna Wilson	Delegate to Southern District.....	Thomas Betik
Editor.....	Chuck Kalat	Delegate to Southern District.....	Debbie Slovak
Bylaws Chairman.....	Rusty Liska	Youth Ambassador (to be appointed).....	Joanna Wilson

Nazdar! – David Slovak Nominating Committee Chairman

From President Thomas Betik,

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your President of Sokol KHB these past 6 years. I have enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships that have been made with members of the Sokol family. The accomplishments of the unit could not have been possible without the selflessness and dedication of all officers, committee members, and volunteers. A BIG THANK YOU to each and every one of you that has contributed to the mission and success of our unit. I would also like to acknowledge those that have donated time, financial support, and effort to keep the unit functioning.

Being involved as an officer has enlightened me and brought attention to how our unit is benefitting the community and our youth. There is a great need for new ideas, both small and large, as we move into the future. Please consider contributing your talents by becoming an officer, a committee member, or filling other supportive roles. This unit runs not on the back of one person, or just the officers, but on the collective whole.

December / January Member Birthdays

Month	Date	Last	First
December	1	Skrivanek	Glenn
December	2	Trull	Shirley
December	2	Waedekin	Brianna
December	7	Kail	Kaelee
December	8	Benton	Elayna
December	13	Patak	Jeannette
December	18	Morales	Kristyn
December	20	Lofgreen	Barbara
December	20	Vrla	Frank
December	20	Valek	Adele
December	20	Wester	Jo Ann
December	22	Lambert	Annette
December	26	Cryer	Thomas
December	26	Redwine	Leigh
December	26	Snodgrass	Becky
December	27	Marek	John
December	27	Slovak	Michelle
December	28	Betik	Katherine
December	28	Vitovsky	William
December	28	Zapletal	Danny
December	29	Dodd	David
December	29	Matous	Stanley
December	29	Valek	Glenda
December	30	Liska	Diane
December	30	Owen	Randy
December	31	McElroy	Sally

Month	Date	Last	First
January	1	Henning Sr	Jackie Don
January	1	Ojeda	Adamarisse
January	2	Jakubik	Sara
January	8	Morales	Cathie
January	8	Desai	Dehara
January	9	Dodson	Billy
January	9	Lane	Rosemarie
January	11	Martinek	Bernard
January	11	Reeve	Joyce
January	14	Dlabaj	Leonard
January	15	Patak	Charlie
January	16	McManus	Janith
January	20	Crow	Greg
January	20	Lara	Stacy
January	20	Novy	Theresa
January	21	Mitchell	Gary
January	22	Owen	Debbye
January	25	Belew	David
January	28	Cooke	Rosemarie
January	28	Roth	Bernard
January	30	Knize	Evelyn

DONATIONS

Sokol Ennis always appreciates donations to our organization, whether they be “In Memory” of a deceased member, or simply because you are able to help continue the Sokol mission. We have different areas, or accounts, where your donation can be applied. Therefore, it would be helpful to let us know in a note accompanying your donation, how you wish us to apply your generosity.

- General Fund (operations, dues support, etc)
- Building Fund (improvements, maintenance, etc)
- Scholarship Fund
- Swimming pool
- Gymnastics
- Museum - Education

Sincerely,
Sokol KHB Ennis Executive Board

CALENDAR – ONGOING ACTIVITY

- Gymnastics** -- Monday -Thursday 5:30pm
- Get Fit with Sara Jakubik** – Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30pm & Tuesdays & Thursdays 6pm
- Volleyball** -- Wednesdays - Youth 6pm & Adult 7:30pm
- Clubroom** -- regular business hours are 5pm to 11pm Mondays & Wednesdays
- Swimming Pool** CLOSED for renovation
- Museum & Library** -- open for special events and by appointment
- Membership meetings** -- every 3rd Wednesday of month in Dining Room 7pm

CALENDAR – UPCOMING EVENTS

2022 Calendar

- Dec 3 Annual Members Day / Christmas Celebration - Main Hall 10am
- Dec 11 Annual Ellis County Toy Run - Main Hall 12pm
- Dec 15 Czech Heritage Society Social & Czech Movie: Silent Barricade 7pm - Clubroom 5pm
- Dec 19 Clubroom Christmas Party - Clubroom 5pm / David Slovak & Friends 7pm

2023 Calendar

- Jan 9 Annual Executive Board Meeting - Dining Room 7pm
- Feb 12 Super Bowl Party - Clubroom (Time TBD)
- Feb 17 Pre-Party for Ennis Czech Music Fest - Clubroom 5pm
- Feb 18 Ennis Czech Music Festival - Main Hall 1pm
- Feb 24 Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm
- Mar 4 \$10K Building Fund Benefit - Main Hall 6pm
- Mar 10 Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm
- Mar 31 Fish Fry Fundraiser - Dining Room 5pm
- May 26-28 National Polka Festival - Main Hall

Dues Reminder

It is time to pay your annual dues. You should be receiving a letter in the mail soon if you haven't already.

Sokol KHB is fortunate to have so many members that are lifetime and honorary lifetime, as well as many 25+years members. And for that, we are very proud and thankful. However, our GOLD member dues decrease/are discounted as a member becomes older and/or have been a member for 25 plus years. We know many times the member's income decreases so we want to keep our dues affordable. BUT, if any of our members can find it in his/her heart or budget to give a donation as well, our organization could really use it. We are working diligently to offer more activities; the cost of utility bills and general maintenance/upgrades has increased tremendously; and we still must pay American Sokol (\$40) and our district (\$3) their annual fees per member, so your donation would be greatly appreciated.

And if you can't help financially, we would love for you to volunteer your time occasionally, as we will often be asking for help with various events and projects. Sokol is based on FAMILY, that is why you are considered a brother or sister in this organization. The more we work together, the STRONGER the family. NAZDAR!

TO ALL
 SOKOL KAREL HAVLICEK BOROVSKY MEMBERS:
 MERRY CHRISTMAS -- VESCLÉ VÁNOCEL
 &
 HAPPY NEW YEAR -- ŠTASTNÝ NOVÝ ROK!
 FROM
 THE SOKOL KHB EXECUTIVE BOARD

SEASON'S GREETINGS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!
 MAY 2023 BE BLESSED AND JOYFUL.

FROM

THOMAS & DEANNA BETIK

MAY EVERYONE HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!!

FROM

BENNY & LAURA TROJACEK

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM

THE ELLEVEN FAMILY

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

FROM

THE MIKE & NANNETTE

LISKA FAMILY

SEASON'S GREETINGS



*Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
from
David, Michelle,
Josef & Isabella Slovak*

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES
FOR A SAFE AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

FROM

**THE KALATS – JAN, CHUCK,
PATTI,
CHARLES, CHRISTINE, & TAG**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!
STAY BLESSED**

FROM

JOANNA, WES, AND MADELINE WILSON

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

FROM

DIANE AND DAVID LISKA

DECK THEM HALLS, Y'ALL

SEASON'S GREETINGS

**WISHING ALL THE BEST AT CHRISTMAS &
IN THE NEW YEAR**

FROM

RUSTY, MARY, ADELYNN, AND GRAHAM LISKA

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

FROM

BARBARA AND RHONDA LISKA

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND BEST WISHES FOR A JOYFUL NEW YEAR**

FROM

JAMES AND DEBBIE MACIK

**“CHRISTMAS IS NOT A TIME NOR A SEASON, BUT A
STATE OF MIND. TO CHERISH PEACE AND GOODWILL,
TO BE PLENTEOUS IN MERCY, IS TO HAVE THE REAL
SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.”**

CALVIN COOLIDGE

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