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Video offers glimpse behind scenes of a fourth-coming exhibit on liberation of Czechs & Slovaks

A few weeks before my speaking tour of the Czech and Slovak Republics in May (details to come), the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library here in the States will on April 7th open an exhibit based on my book. Click the link below for glimpses of the many creative people working to bring you this new exhibit, which will combine immersive virtual reality experiences, wildly creative story-telling graphics, original artifacts and, yes, me.

The link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a4C3cjmX4sq8cNxOFkLAYHITxB3dcZ9Q/view?usp=sharing>

The book, *Dreams of a Great Small Nation: The Mutinous Army that Threatened a Revolution, Destroyed an Empire, Founded a Republic, and Remade the Map of Europe* (New York: Public Affairs) has earned high praise in the pages of *The Wall Street Journal*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Library Journal*, two journals in the United Kingdom (*History of War* and *The Literary Review*), and two newspapers in the Czech Republic (*Hospodářské Noviny* and *Lidovky*). It was the subject of a two-part interview on Radio Prague and the book has been excerpted in two American periodicals (*Russian Life* and *Military History Quarterly*). See: www.kevinjmcnamara.com.

You can order copies at the *Amazon* or *Barnes & Noble* or *Indie Bound* websites. Visit www.kevinjmcnamara.com where you can learn more about this story, as well as directly link to *Amazon*, *Barnes & Noble*, or *Indie Bound*. On the website, please sign up -- for updates and free material -- on the site's *Contact* page.

Sokol Detroit Monthly Unit Meetings @ 7:00 @ Sokol Hall

- Tuesday, March 6, 2018 (weather permitting)

If evening classes are cancelled in Dearborn/Dearborn Heights area, Sokol meetings are also cancelled. We will attempt to send an email blast...

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From Gorton Greene: Please acknowledge a donation of \$100 from Carolyn Sabados for the Endowment Fund.



Join Petr Peska on Saturdays at 9:00 a.m. at the Sokol Cultural Center Club Room!

Email Petr if you have questions: ptrpeska@gmail.com

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**Sokol Detroit
Unit Meeting Minutes
February 6, 2018**

First Vice President, Sr. Carol Brandon, called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Eighteen members were in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There was a moment of silence for the passing of former Sokol Detroit member, Mary Abaldo.

Correspondence: Newsletters were received from Sokol Greater Cleveland, Sokol St. Louis, Sokol USA Times, and the Czech Catholic Union.

Executive Board Reports:

President: Sr. Renata Greene, via teleconference, reported that the accounting for last year's grant from the Czech Republic has been submitted.

Treasurer: Sr. Ann Marie Hurych reported on the January 2018 account balances.

Financial Secretary: Sr. Kirsten Conely was excused. The deadline for dues was January 15, 2018, and there are several members who have not yet paid. A few members did not receive their dues notices, and it is possible that correct email addresses are not on file. Dues notices were sent out via email to those members with email addresses and to the remaining members via USPS. Sr. Greene will contact Sr. Conely to get the names of those members who are in arrears, and calls will be made to them.

BOI: Sr. Sharon Stanek announced that a five-day camp is scheduled at the Center beginning February 19, 2018. There are enough coaches scheduled for the camp, but Sr. Stanek is asking for an adult who can be present during the five days. Sr. Lynn Conrad reported on the Northeastern District Slet weekend in Cleveland scheduled for June 9-10, 2018. Competition is on June 9, the Slet on June 10.

UPC: Br. Alex Novacek reported. The next UPC meeting is scheduled at 7:00PM, February 15, 2018, at the Center. Br. Novacek presented the UPC 2018 Budget. Currently, the UPC is forecasting fewer expenses this year, and he asked the membership to approve the 2018 Budget. Br. Thomas Ouellette made a motion to accept the Budget, Sr. Diana Balint seconded. There were no objections, and the motion passed.

Northeastern District: A teleconference is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018, at 7:00PM. Sr. Greene asked to be excused.

New Business: Br. Novacek announced that the new Activities Committee has been formed to coordinate social programs for Sokol Detroit members through September. A calendar will be compiled with a schedule of events for the four- to five-month period. Currently, Br. Joe Michalak, Sr. Amanda Knapp, and Br. Alex and Sr. Meg Novacek are committee members. The Committee will meet during the next week to brainstorm possible events. Br. Novacek asked for start-up money for the Committee, and there were no objections from the membership.

At this time, Br. and Sr. Novacek reported on two pre-American Sokol Convention committees – Budget & Finance and Bylaws. Units are to review and comment back to those committees any feedback by March 9, so Sokol Detroit has time for final input at the March 6 unit meeting. The units will get the final documents by the end of March in time to provide direction to their Convention delegates in the April unit meeting how to vote at the national Convention, April 26-29, 2018.

Budget & Finance Committee: Br. Novacek, the Detroit delegate participating on the pre-convention Budget & Finance Committee, will attend a Budget & Finance meeting later this evening, which will finalize the ASO four-year Budget. The preliminary expenses are higher than anticipated income, which is decreased because of the yearly loss of members. The committee reduced proposed spending amounts significantly but was unable to meet the target. Since most of the ASO income comes from membership dues, a proposal was made to increase dues per member by \$1.50, for a total of \$36.50 per year. This will cover the budget shortfall.

Bylaws Committee: Northeastern District Bylaws Director, Sr. Novacek, reported on the proposed changes into the ASO Bylaws. Sr. Novacek provided a ten-page summary of the sixty-page marked-up 2014 Bylaws document, which listed the table of topics, new additional wording and text to be removed, plus rationale/explanation of each topic. There was much discussion from Sokol Detroit membership on these proposed changes in preparation for deciding what the unit will support at the April Convention. Next, Sr. Novacek will review these proposed changes at the February 13 Northeastern District teleconference to get district input.

Sr. Rose Wiggle asked if any member was interested in viewing two DVDs: "The U. S. Army in West Bohemia 1945"; and "Accidental Army." Sr. Brandon asked to view them.

The next meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Sokol Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Wiggle, Co-Recording Secretary



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