

*Agreement to Establish Sister Sokol Units  
Sokol USA Farrell, Pennsylvania And  
Telocvična Jednota Sokol Vranov nad Topľou of the Slovak Republic*

June 29, 1996



Farrell, Pennsylvania

- Whereas: in 1906 twenty two immigrants from Slovakia who were residing in the Shenango Valley of Western Pennsylvania in the United States of America founded the 103<sup>rd</sup> unit of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol USA, and...*
- Whereas: this unit has been in continuous existence for over ninety years and has over 200 members, and...*
- Whereas: the founding of T.J. Sokol Vranov n/T in the eastern region of the Slovak Republic became possible after the peaceful overthrow of the oppressive communist regime in Czechoslovakia in November 1989, and...*
- Whereas: this unit has grown to its present membership of over 700 members, and...*
- Whereas: both units establish their philosophical foundations on the ideological teachings of Dr. Miroslav Tyrš, Jindřich Fúger and Branislav Zoch, and...*
- Whereas: both units foster the belief that, systematic physical training which combines strength with aesthetic grace and beauty of movement creates an environment for sound moral values, and...*
- Whereas: both units promote democratic ideals and the value of each individual member's contribution to the success of the unit, their respective organizations, the worldwide Sokol movement and to their respective nations.*

*Be it hereby resolved that Sokol Farrell, Pennsylvania of the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the United States of America and Telocvična Jednota Sokol Vranov nad Topľou of the Slovak Republic shall share a sister unit relationship.*

*That this relationship shall continue to exist as long as the guiding principles of each unit shall remain as described, and...*

*That each unit shall extend to the other all of the fraternal courtesies which are granted to their own members.*

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