

Czech & Slovak Sokol Minnesota
383 Michigan Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102

C.S.P.S. HALL

The historic Česko Slovanský Podporující Spolek (C.S.P.S.) Hall at 383 Michigan Street in Saint Paul has been our home since its construction in 1887, and the focal point for Sokol activities. It was declared a National and State Historic Site in 1977, placed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is the longest serving Czech-Slovak cultural center in the United States.

The office of the Honorary Czech Consul for Minnesota, Iowa and North and South Dakota is located in the ground floor, together with a meeting area, display area, Gift Shop (featuring imported treasures) and a European ethnic restaurant.

A large dance hall, used for fitness activities, dinners, meetings and special events is on the second floor. The stage features a number of historic backdrops - hand painted scenes of old Europe. Over 80 years old, they have been beautifully restored. In addition, there is an updated kitchen and refreshment spot, a cloak room and smaller meeting area.

Our historic meeting room is located on the third floor. This space was restored with its original light fixtures, woodwork, marble tables and other antique furniture. This significant room is the heart and soul of our ethnic community.

In 1999, an elevator was added thanks to the generous donations of many. Our hall is available for rentals by the community.

For complete rental information

please call 651-290-0542



Steeped in the history
of Czech and Slovak
immigration into
Minnesota and
St. Paul's West End.
Since 1887

We welcome you to join
Czech and Slovak Sokol
Minnesota.



Czech & Slovak Sokol Minnesota activities, events and offerings include

- Ethnic dinners featuring Czech and Slovak Menus
- Cultural celebrations including Šibřinky (Czech Mardi Gras) Dance, Slovak Dinner, Czech-Slovak Festival, Fall Harvest Dinner and Dance, Children and Adult Christmas parties, Festival of Nations (through the International Institute of Minnesota) and more
- Monthly meetings with programs
- Children and Teen folk dancing groups Taneční Mládež (Dancing Youth) and summer culture camp – rates reduced for members.
- Youth gymnastics program and competitions.
- Adult and senior activities (singing, exercise and social groups) including participation in local, national and international programs
- Educational Opportunities (language, cooking, history, genealogy) – rates reduced with membership.
- Gift Shop with imported items
- Home of the St. Paul Czech & Slovak Dancers - www.tancuj.org – an adult performing group
- Partnerships with related cultural and historic organizations including Czech and Slovak Cultural Center of Minnesota (CSCC) and Czechoslovak Genealogical Society International (CGSI)

SOKOL HISTORY

Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota is a Unit of American Sokol, who is associated with the Czech Sokol Organization (CSO), the fourth most numerous civic association in the Czech Republic. CSO boasts over 190,000 members and 1,100 Units. CSO is one of the oldest organizations of this type in the world.

Sokol was founded (in what later became known as Czechoslovakia) in 1862 by Dr. Miroslav Tyrš and Jindřich Fugner. Sokol came to the United States in 1865 and opened its first unit in St. Louis, Missouri. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota started in 1882 with 10 members. Sokol is the Czech word for falcon, a symbol of strength, beauty, harmony and freedom. People participating in Sokol activity are themselves often called "Sokols."

Sokol units worldwide are dedicated to the preservation of the rich traditional and modern Czech and Slovak heritage. Czech and Slovak Sokol Minnesota shares this dedication through our wide variety of activities that are both enjoyable in themselves, and help to preserve and transmit the vitality of heritage to future generations.

Czech & Slovak Sokol Minnesota welcomes all who share an interest in history, culture, gymnastics and good fellowship. You need not be Czech or Slovak to be a member.

www.sokolmn.org
www.american-sokol.org



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Single (\$40*) Couple (\$65*)

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Child(ren) Name(s)/Age(s) _____

Interests: (please circle)

Children: Dance Gymnastics Culture Camp
 Other _____

Adult Language Cooking Events (dinners/dances)
 History/Genealogy Dance Singing

Other _____

Please make checks payable to **CZECH & SLOVAK SOKOL MINNESOTA** and mail, with this application form, to:

Czech & Slovak Sokol MN
 c/o Membership Director Norm Petrik
 4708 13th Avenue S.
 Minneapolis, MN 55407

You will be contacted upon receipt of your application and invited to attend upcoming events and meetings.

If you have any membership questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Norm Petrik at 612-822-6147, or email normpetrik@aol.com.

Czech & Slovak Sokol Minnesota thanks you for your application. We are delighted you plan to join our organization. For more information on Sokol Minnesota, please visit our website www.SOKOLMN.org

**Annual Membership dues are \$35 Single/\$60 Couple.
 The rate above includes a one-time \$5 fee for registration with American Sokol. New membership dues are reduced by 50% after June 30th, \$22.50 single, \$35 couple.