

New Era

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Nova Doba

AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF THE ENGLISH SPEAKING MEMBERS

Sports -- Stimulant for Better Fraternalism

That sports activities create and promote a greater spirit of fraternalism amongst our members is a fact that is imprinted in the story of the success of many a fraternal organization.

Truly, without a definite sports program, a society such as ours, would not arouse the interest of the younger element—the future leaders.

Our lodges, members, delegates, and Supreme Board officials have gazed into the future; have studied with much foresight the necessary changes time has wrought. These changes have been made even before scheduled time with great success, and have paved the way and opened the doors to a new and greater era for our American Fraternal Union.

The outcome of all this preliminary work—highlighted especially by the change in the name of our society—and a new and added interest in the development of our younger members with the purpose of impressing the idea that they shall some day in the future handle the reins of our organization—depends on every single member who must see to it that the program as it stands outlined today is carried out.

Our Juvenile Conventions, athletic conferences, and our latest campaignees—those Honorary Delegates who attended the 16th convention of our AFU in Waukegan, Ill., last September as guests of the Union—are all a part of these changes wrought by time.

These are, of course, special events which have come into successful existence, during this "New Era." Successful experiments which have been definitely recorded as necessary in keeping our AFU on its traditional course of progress.

This background has instilled an even greater interest in our routine sports program which annually appears on our calendar of events.

For the sports program during the last decade has paved the way to these new promotions which have met with so much success.

During the winter season basketball and bowling were main events for many a lodge. Within the last few years, bowling has succeeded basketball as the major winter athletic sport. Today, everybody is bowling—from the oldest man and woman to the youngest child.

Our Annual Duckpin and Tenpin tournaments have met with great success, drawing lodge teams together for big two-day-fun- and sport-fests. Members from different states and cities, mixing in, rubbing elbows, creating firm bonds of friendship and unity, spelling a wave of fraternalism that makes a favorable mark in the assets of our American Fraternal Union. When the events are over and the celebrating gone—the good-byes are not good-byes, instead are: "See you next year!"

In the spring, softball occupies the limelight, continuing until fall when another tournament climaxes the affair with the same good result.

Meantime, we find our American Fraternal Union promoting a campaign in the interests of everyone, and always the participation and results link like a chain running hand in hand with success—a magic word made that way by hard working members who know not the word "defeat," or "failure."

On the eve of two great tournaments—the duckpin and tenpin—it is expected the entries and interest will be greater than ever. Success again—all because lodge members—working hand in hand—won't let anything interfere to prevent any other conclusion.

Lodge 114 Anticipates Busy Season

Ely, Minn. — The superstition associated with "13" for generations has no bugaboo when you link it with the fortunate Joseph Russ, member of Lodge 114, AFU, at Ely.

According to a special dispatch from Bro. Joseph Milkovich, secretary, Bro. Russ', suggestion at a recent lodge meeting (19th) proved very lucky for him. He went home with a genuine Hudson Bay blanket—the staff doesn't know whether it was brought to Ely from Canada, before or after the "purge" by customs agents.) Heh Heh. At any rate, jubilant Bro. Russ treated for "snaps" and all the lodge members enjoyed his gift in that manner.

Lodge 114 is contemplating the organization of a bowling team. Active on the basketball courts the past several years, the basketball team carries the banner of the AFU and from recent reports has been very successful, adding much to the younger element of our organization.

Older adult members of this lodge, through Bro. Milkovich's persistent efforts, have seen to it that the junior members got the break which added incentive and fraternal spirit, which eventually sailed Lodge 114 to the top.

In a letter to Little Stan, Bro. Milkovich says in effect: (Really a tribute to Clevelanders) — "Has Cleveland really been treating you as well as your articles describe? — Of course. I shouldn't doubt it as I lived there once myself and know the hospitality of the people. I can really imagine the thrill you are receiving in adapting yourself to your new environment. Heaps of Luck" — Joseph Milkovich, secretary.

Stranger — Have you lived in Bingville long?

Native — Have I lived here long? Why, mister, you won't believe it, but I lived here when there wasn't a single gas station in town.

"Fighting 71st News"

Cleveland, O. — At our last meeting, the following members were elected officers of our St. John's lodge 71 here in Cleveland.

Bro. Anton Baraga, president; Bro. Stanley Zagorc, vice-president; Bro. John Kapelj, secretary; Bro. Tony Drenik, recording secretary; Bro. John Gruden, treasurer; Bro. Tony Krass, Bro. John Rudman, and Bro. Tony Drenik, auditors; Bro. Joe Zabukovic, athletic supervisor. Bro. Anton Baraga and Bro. John Rudman were elected to represent our lodge at the stockholders meeting of the Slovenian National Home.

Members present at the meeting unanimously approved a motion to appropriate \$50 to the athletic fund. This donation went toward the purchasing of jackets for the members of the "Fighting 71st" baseball team of 1940.

The social committee reported progress is being made on plans to hold a picnic and olympics. June 29 has been selected as the definite date for the affair. All proceeds from the olympics and picnic will be turned over to the athletic fund to strengthen our athletic program. Names of members serving on the various committees for the gala affair will be announced at a later date.

Due to all the important business matters proposed to be discussed at future meetings, our president, Bro. Baraga, urges as many members as possible to attend the next meeting.

Our athletic chairman wishes to announce that St. John's lodge has formed a bowling team and would like to challenge any lodge interested.

Our next meeting will be held February 19, at 9 a. m., in the Slovenian National Home on Holmes avenue. All members interested in lodge affairs are urged to attend.

Stanley Zagorc, Chairman, Pub. Committee Lodge 71, AFU

Safety Precautions

There have been nine pedestrian deaths in Cleveland during one week of this month. In all but one case the victim of the accident was an elderly person over sixty years and with but one exception every fatal accident happened after dark. Death in traffic strikes most often at night and older folks are the most frequent victims. Drivers! Reduce your speed after dark. — Be alert for the person who

BRIEFS

ROOSEVELT BIRTHDAY BALL

A solid hour of entertainment followed by dancing to the music of 11 orchestras headlined by Johnny Pecon, who is also assisting with preliminary arrangements, will be featured at the Slovenian National Home Thursday (Jan. 30th) night in honor of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday. Proceeds will go to aid in the fight against Infantile Paralysis. Dr. W. J. Lausche is program chairman with Pecon assisting. At the Ball held last year, \$500 was realized. The amount is expected to be higher this year.

Orchestra's expected to participate in the affair are: Pecon's, Mickey Ryance, Lou Trebar, Frankie Yankovich, Tony Vadal, Johnny Jurca, Pete Sokach, Tony Kristoff, Frank Mullec and Bill Sneller. The date: Thursday, Jan. 30.

A visitor at the offices of Nova Doba this week was Mrs. Mike Movretic of Lodge 21, Denver, Colorado. She is spending two weeks in Cleveland. Mr. Movretic is a manager in the Slovene National Home in Denver. Their daughter accompanied them on the visit, and is temporarily attending Collinwood high school here.

Sally Hrvatin of 19711 Arrowhead Avenue, petite dancer and member of Lodge 173, visited with the editors of Nova Doba this week.

St. Martin's Lodge 105, Butte, Montana, is sponsoring a dance in the National Home on Feb. 9th. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Department of Speech at Cleveland College branch of Western Reserve University, offers a new course in "The Correction of Foreign Accent," by Virda L. Stewart, A. M. on Thursdays 8:00 to 9:45 p.m. beginning Feb. 6. The course includes the introduction to the science of English speech sounds for foreign-born students who wish to correct their accent. (Continued on page 4)

may step in front of your car. Older Folks! Please remember that your eyesight may not be perfect, that you cannot escape from danger as easily as a younger person.

Public Relations Bureau — Cleveland Police Department.

Collinwood Booster Bits

Cleveland, O. — At our last meeting plans for a barn-dance were being discussed. Will tell you more about it later.

That charming young reporter, Elsie M. Desmond attended our meeting. Waited for Little Stan until 10:30, but he never showed up. So, Little Stan, don't forget to attend our next meeting on Friday, Feb. 21. We'll be waiting for you. (Note: Honest it was the "zlehtnoba" trouble!)

All those who have not yet handed in their dance tickets or money — please do so at once as the secretary would like to straighten things out.

Sorry to hear that two of our members were hurt last week. Joe (Chubby) Champa fractured his right foot while working at home; also Bill Struma (who is away at college) cut his two fingers severely. Hope you both get well soon.

Two of our boys leaving for the army are: Joe (Chubby) Champa who is leaving in a month for Camp Peay, Tenn., also Tony Bokal who is going to Camp Shelby, Miss.

Alice Laurich, Collinwood Boosters, No. 188, AFU.

Bowling Interests Lodge 225

Milwaukee, Wis. — Bowling is the big sports interest for members of Lodge 225 in Milwaukee. The lodge is sponsoring a men's and women's team, and bowls every Tuesday night. They have actively been engaged in this sport since last November.

Bro. Eugene Jakubowski, newly-elected athletic supervisor of the lodge, reported negotiations are underway to have a match game with Lodge 82 of Sheboygan, Wis.

Peak Season for Accidents

The pedestrian must accept a larger share of the responsibility for his own safety during the winter time since the motorists problems are greatly increased. Because of the snow and steamed windows it is much harder for the driver to see and there is always the danger of skidding on the slippery streets. The man on foot must make doubly sure that the way is clear before he leaves the curb. Don't depend on the driver to save your life!

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Let's Go to Indianapolis!

Indianapolis, Ind. — Bro. Louis Milharic, athletic supervisor, and secretary of the ever-active Lodge 45 in Indianapolis, Ind., this week sent Nova Doba a picture of the Dezelan's Bowling alleys, — 12-beautiful shiny hardwood runways, where Lodge 45 would like to sponsor our annual Tenpin Bowling tournament.

With an enthusiastic "Let's go to Indianapolis" slogan, Bro. Milharic urges every AFU lodge and bowling team to vote for Indianapolis — the speedway city — for our annual Tenpin tournament.

"All our members are all up in the air about the tournament and would like to know if we really get it! A drive for new members is underway! So let's go athletic supervisors! Let's go to Indianapolis, Indiana — the speedway city!"

Of Dezelan's Bowling alleys, Bro. Milharic reports: Bro. Frank Dezelan, owner of the alleys, was our last delegate to the 16th convention. He was an officer of our lodge, St. Joseph's No. 45 for the last 15 years. At the present time he is first trustee, a very active member who has done a lot for AFU. His son, Bro. Henry Dezelan, our former secretary, who also attended the bowling tournament in Cleveland last spring is one of the managers of the alleys. He said he would try to make it "THE BEST TOURNAMENT EVER HELD FOR THE BROTHER AND SISTER MEMBERS OF THE AFU!"

A word about the alleys (pictured): They are the first of their kind in Indiana, and the latest and best put out by the famous Brunswick-Balke Centennial Alleys. Other features include, the latest and newest fluorescent lighting (just like daylight, we have the same kind in our Nova Doba office); and Chrysler's Airtemp summer and winter air-conditioning system.

We have a very nice set-up here in Indianapolis. Our hall, where we would want to meet is across the street from the church. Three-fourths of a block away are the bowling alleys. Reservations for visiting bowlers can be made either in private homes within an area of four square blocks, or they can go to a hotel — about two miles away — accessible by a very good route.

How about it! Let's go to Indianapolis!

Louis Milharic, secretary
Lodge 45, AFU

KEEPING THE HOME FIRES BURNING

By Little Stan



Cleveland, O. — Heaviest snowstorm of the year blanketed Cleveland and vicinity over the week-end and this Monday a.m. when Little Stan got up (bright and early, too) he almost had to "dig-out" his car.

It made him feel quite at home. Weather remains mild, and driving is a bit hazardous. But it isn't bad here. You ought to be in Ely, Minn. Got a letter from home and last Friday it was only a frigid 30 degrees below zero! Brrrr!

Remembered suddenly when we visited with Mr. and Mrs. Janko N. Rogelj shortly before he left for the annual audit in Ely. Remembered it was the second time we had seen his daughter since her arrival on this good earth. And is she a clever little girl. She talks Slovene as fluently as her daddy and mother, and perhaps better than Little Stan himself! Her English is as good. And you ought to see the way she kisses daddy and mama goodnight before retiring!

This week in the home office at Ely, Minnesota, our supreme board will have completed its first semi-annual session of 1941 under our new name, American Fraternal Union. Billy Z., and Little Stan chauffeured Bro. Terbovec to the Terminal Tower Station Friday night giving him a send-off to Ely. Promised to keep the home fires burning, and to get the paper out on time, and yes, promised also to be a very good boy! And so far — so good! Heh Heh!

Say! You ought to be in the Nova Doba office this morning. Remember all the "Zlehtnoba" boil trouble? Well, it's gone completely and you ought to see Little Stan's face in front of this typewriter! Boy! Like a spanked baby's harrumph —

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Where Lodge 45 Would Like to Hold Tournament

(Details Under Indianapolis Story)



