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## On the S D Z Soap Box

### Are You Ready?

LAST week the SDZ News announced its membership drive—the ESSDEEZEE National Election Campaign. Since then many favorable comments in regard to the project have come to the office and several members have signified their intentions of winning political positions.

Presiding officers of some of the organizations are already mapping out their campaign programs which they hope will carry them to the title of first president of Essdeezee. Other officers are recruiting their forces to become governor of their state and Essdeezee senators and representatives. There are others who are planning on getting enough of their friends to join the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association so that they will be elected mayors of their cities.

But how about yourself? Are you getting ready for the big drive? Will your lodge be organized and ready for action by the time April 1st comes around? Have your ward leaders, your campaign speakers and vote getters all lined up? In short, just where will you finish when the ballots in this monster campaign are counted?

### Everybody Works!

THIS drive is so designed that every single member has an active part to play in the political race. Should every member do his share, there is no doubt but, that the balloting will be the heaviest in the history of the organization and the young folks will have established a precedent in this their first membership campaign.

Remember our goal for 1932 is a doubled membership, and we hope that the election campaign will go a long way toward reaching this high mark. Should we succeed, it will be the first in the history of an organization that the membership of the English-conducted lodges was doubled within the space of a single year. Of course, the aim is high, but it is not impossible of attainment. And it is far better to have aimed high and missed than never to have aimed at all. Just remember that the higher our mark, the greater must be the propelling force to carry us to our goal.

Thus for every new member brought into the lodge, three votes are cast. The first is for the member who brought him in. The second is for the lodge officer representing the city enrolling the new member. The third is for the lodge president.

The methods of marking and casting ballots will be explained by a representative of the SDZ News at this month's meeting of your lodge. Further particulars will likewise be explained at that time.

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

The sudden and untimely death of Joseph Gros, 22 years of age and a member of Bled lodge, No. 20 SDZ has caused a great sorrow to his family and his friends.

Gros died Saturday of heart attack after a two-day illness. He was buried Tuesday from St. Lawrence church.

Surviving him are his parents, Joseph and Frances Gros, 3579 E. 82d St. and two sisters.

## SUPREME BOARD IS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER ELECTION CAMPAIGN

### Members Not Only Give Endorsement to SDZ Project, But Promise Full Cooperation

Formal approval of the Essdeezee election campaign for the members of the English-conducted lodges of SDZ was given by the supreme board at its regular monthly meeting Sunday.

However, the board members not only gave their official sanction to the movement, but expressed themselves as being also heartily in favor of it, and promised to give the SDZ Page,

## SECRETARIES NOTE

All secretaries of English-conducted lodges are urgently requested to send in the date, time and place of their March monthly meeting immediately.

A member of the staff of the SDZ Page will attend your meeting so that he can fully explain the Essdeezee Election Campaign to your members, so that all may have an equal chance for election to office when the campaign gets under way.

In sending out meeting notices, secretaries should make mention of the campaign.

sponsors of the project, every possible assistance in putting the campaign across.

In extending the campaign over a period of six months, the supreme board feels that every lodge will be given an equal chance and that interest in the project will grow with each passing month, reaching a fever pitch as the campaign draws to a close.

To add to the incentive, the supreme board has agreed to donate merchandise prizes which will be given to the winning candidates. A list of these prizes will be published in a future issue of this paper.

Have you talked to your friend about joining SDZ yet? Remember it's up to you to get one new member this year.

Do you know that no admission or physical examination charges are made by SDZ up to the age of 30 years?

## HERE IS AN OPEN LETTER FOR THE SECRETARY OF YOUR LODGE

### Lodge Secretaries:

Because of your popularity, your apparent initiative, your honesty and your ambition to be somebody you were elected to the most important office in your local lodge. In electing you to this post your fellow members showed their faith in you, their belief that you would give them "value received."

Have you lived up to their expectations? Have you given them all that you would expect from one of them if he or she were your secretary, or have you been just a figurehead? Do you merely transact the routine business of your lodge or do you go out of the way to make your lodge the social and financial center that it is supposed to be? Are you, in other words, a living vital force in your lodge, or are you just a name and address? If I am to base my conclusions on the response to the SDZ News, I can reach only one conclusion and that is—most of you are merely names and addresses!

Notwithstanding the fact that letters were mailed to each one of you and, subsequently, phone calls made asking you to contribute, exactly three have answered to date. As you read this, the SDZ News is entering its sixth week of existence. Surely in that length of time you could have prepared something for your page. You have been given every opportunity, your copy has been solicited and yet you do not write. It's your paper, why don't you use it? It surely can't be that the interest and demand for an English page that was shown at the convention has died completely. The convention gave you the paper you so loudly demanded, now why don't you use it?

Some of you will shrug your shoulders and say, "there are other members, let them write." Surely let them write! Glad to have them. But until such a time as they do write it is expected of you to represent your lodge in these pages. After all, you are their representative. Should the supreme secretary desire to know something about the activities of your lodge he wouldn't go to one of the members about it, he would address himself to you because you are their representative and as such should know what is going on. Thus with the paper, if you are an

active secretary you have your finger on everything, within the limits of the lodge, and if you have, won't you please write about it?

It isn't much that we ask, two or three pages, or even one. Write a short story on the history of your lodge, write up your last meeting, tell us what you are going to do at the next. Someone in your lodge is going to be married, a baby is born, somebody entertained after your last meeting, someone had or will have a party, such things happen every day, and most of them are news.

So get out and plug, get out of the rut and become somebody in stead of remaining just a name and address. Go places and do things. Let us know that you are living. And if I can be of any help to you, always remember that I am to the last

Fraternally yours,  
Joe A. Rosa,  
third vice president SDZ.

## MUSICAL COMETS FORM ORCHESTRA

The Comets, No. 54 SDZ decided at their last regular meeting to form an orchestra of their own, this venture into the musical field should prove a success, as most of the members are musically inclined.

This Euclid lodge is very active, they hold their meetings every first Monday of the month, their socials are the talk of the neighborhood. The following officers keep the wheels of the club going at full speed: Mary Lebar, chairman; Bertha Laurich, vice chairman; Stella Noch, financial secretary; Frances Nemeč, recording secretary, and Sophie Klemen, treasurer.

### ATTEND MEETINGS

This month's meetings will be important to members of English-conducted lodges. The campaign will be explained to you in details. Be sure to attend.

When sick, send notice to that effect to your lodge secretary immediately.

Attend meetings regularly. Be an asset to your lodge not a liability.

## EASTERN STARS HOSTS TO MANY AFTER MEETING

Modern Crusaders, Loyalites, Whozit Club, Among Those Present at Social

WILL MEET MARCH 28

Plenty of Refreshments and Lively Music Add to Gay Spirits of Those Present

A large attendance marked the Eastern Star, No. 51 SDZ monthly meeting and social Monday, Feb. 22.

The Modern Crusaders were guests at this meeting, and were well represented. They certainly enjoyed themselves and issued an invitation to the members of the Eastern Stars to attend their meeting, which will be held on the third Wednesday of this month. The Whozit Club were also guests at the meeting and social, Miss Pucel invited all members to attend their dance on St. Patrick's day, and all promised to attend. The Loyalites lodge SNPJ were also among those present, they have always cooperated with the Eastern Stars and the members of the SDZ lodge turned out in large numbers to their basketball carnival last Tuesday.

Refreshments for the social following the meeting were prepared by the Misses Alice Pucel, Sylvia Medved and Molly Rayer, and Messrs. Ed. Skully and Bill Kozely. The president Michael Lah Jr., certainly stepped to the lively music, furnished by Anthony Klun and his accordion.

Members are requested to attend the next monthly meeting, on March 28. Plenty of entertainment will follow the regular business session.

## WINS GOLDPIECE AT LODGE DRAWING

William Halaburda is the winner of the five-dollar gold piece offered by the Clairwoods, in their recent affair. The proceeds of which will be used to help defray expenses of their basketball team.

The lucky winner resides at 6732 Bayliss Ave., and is a student of East Tech High School. The winner was announced immediately after the regular business meeting held on Feb. 18. It was also decided that the Clairwoods would be very active in social and sports events for the coming season.

## REPRESENT THE STATES OF NEW MYTHICAL COUNTRY IN NATIONAL ELECTION MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Opening Date Postponed One Month Due to Necessity of Making Arrangements for Novel Membership Drive; Campaign First in History

Contrary to the announcement made in the SDZ News last week, the membership drive of the English-conducted lodges of the Slovenian Mutual Benefit Association will not open until April 1. Although the supreme board decreed that the campaign open on March 1, the mass of details necessary to put over a campaign of the nature of the one planned for this year, has prompted the sponsors to make the change.

In order that the usual monotony of a membership drive be eliminated, it was decided to introduce the mythical country of ESSDEEZEE and to hold an election to decide the rulers of this new land.

The country is made up of eight states. They are the State of Clairwoods, State of Modern Crusaders, State of Comets, State of Eastern Stars, State of Magic City Juniors, State of Martha Washington and State of Young Men.

The president of each lodge representing a state is eligible for the presidency of ESSDEEZEE. Each state and presidential candidate is assigned a quota of new members based on the number already in his lodge. Each new member acquired during the course of the campaign then counts for so many votes toward his election. In this manner every one has an equal chance, regardless of the size of his organization.

The presidential candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will be named the vice president of Essdeezee. Other candidates will be the secretary of state, secretary of war, secretary of education, secretary of health and secretary of the interior in the order in which they finish.

Each state is likewise divided into four cities. They are represented by the vice president, secretary, recording secretary and treasurer of the lodge. These four officers are eligible to become the governor of their respective states. Ballots are cast for them in the same manner as they are for the president. The one receiving the greatest number of votes is elected governor, while those finishing second and third become senator and representative, respectively.

In each of the four cities of every lodge, the member polling the greatest number of votes for himself is elected mayor.

Two correspondents for the SDZ page have been named by Joseph Kogoy, president of the Clairwoods lodge, No. 40 SDZ. Louis Zust and Victor Opaskar will act as the publicity committee for this club. The president requests all members to turn in any news of their activities to these correspondents.

For the purpose of cutting down overhead expenses, the Clairwood lodge will no longer send out postal cards of monthly meetings, whenever possible the meeting will be held every third Thursday evening. A notice of the regular monthly meetings will appear on this page hereafter.

## SDZ MEMBERS ENTERTAINED WITH SOCIAL

The Misses Ann and Mary Korencic, Miller Ave., entertained a group of their friends with a card social, at their home on Washington's birthday.

A pleasant evening was realized by the Misses Jennie Korencic, Tillie and Sophie Klemen, Mary Manyi and Angeline Slappick, Messrs. John and Joseph Korencic, John Ulogar, Joseph Pesec, Jack Zagorc, Anthony Tomsick, Joseph Mencin, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaltenback and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krall.

Refreshments and dancing substituted the bridge, pinocle and 66 games and the guests did not say farewell until the early hours of the next morning.

## COMETS MEETING MONDAY EVENING

The Comets sound like an interesting lot.

They not only encourage their own members to attend their meetings, but they likewise invite those of other lodges to join them in a business and social get-together.

According to report, the regular Comets meeting will be held Monday evening, March 7, at 8:30 promptly at the home of Miss Klemen, 16119 Waterloo Rd.

One of the representatives of the SDZ News staff is expected to address the assembly and a group of Modern Crusaders and Eastern Stars are also to be present for business and friendly matters.

Cards and refreshments will supplement the activity meeting.

## THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF AN S. D. Z. MEMBER

By ANTONIA R. KURENT

Here is a young lady who would rather drive her Model T Ford sedan than do anything else in this world.

Although at present she does make an excellent convalescent. Recently she had a bothersome appendix extracted.

She was born in Mayor Miller's town, Aug. 15, a score and several years ago.

Her family says that she was a Tomboy Taylor Miss who enjoyed teasing her friends just for the sake of teasing.

She is a shareholder in the Richman Co., as well as an expert seamstress.

Besides being the treasurer of the Martha Washington lodge, she is a proud booster,

and she is also a member of the Community Welfare Club.

Vealsteak is her prime reason for partaking of food and her family says that she is quite a movie fiend. Tallulah Bankhead and George Bancroft are her first choices.

There is no doubt but that Miss Jane is a popular girl; her room is filled with baskets and vases of flowers and her bed is a pyramid of books, magazines and candies.

She digests all of Kathleen Norris' novels and last Sunday she learned how to play solitaire. She thinks all patients must learn it sooner or later.

Jewelry is the least of her worries. She prefers plain

fashioned clothes. She detests cats, canaries, but she likes dogs.

Her hour of celestial joy occurred when she learned how to manage her car. And her most agonizing 24 hours were realized when her car was stolen and she had to come home without it.

She is noted for her daredevil round the corner sweeps. The unfortunate people who witness them always feel that a wheeled cyclone is in the vicinity.

Orchids are very desirable, however, she is easily satisfied with Talisman roses. She takes to the water for swimming and motor boating.

And she does like to sing "Bill" and "Ole Man River." She has never ridden a train and she does not see why she should.

Her cakes never rise, but she is skilled in making her own clothes, and she once knitted a sweater.

As youngster her pet delight was a garden and she used to get a kick out of weeding it.

Outside of assisting her with her car ailments, men do not meet with her fancy.

If she did not have to earn her daily bread, she would travel and take pictures and call her life complete.

She loves to take chances and she commissioned her sis-

ter to take a few for her at the St. Vitus bazar.

Niagara Falls and Detroit have already been visited by her. Her next destination is the extreme East or West.

In her lecture on "Why I Own a Ford" she makes so many commendable statements that one wonders whether Ford himself is aware of them.

Her favorite expression is "There's nothing like a Ford." The young lady is slender, somewhat tall, blue eyes, mild tempered and fast in all of her actions.

She insists on washing dishes because no one else can launder them with rapidity enough to suit her.

## CLAIRWOODS NAME TWO NEWS WRITERS



